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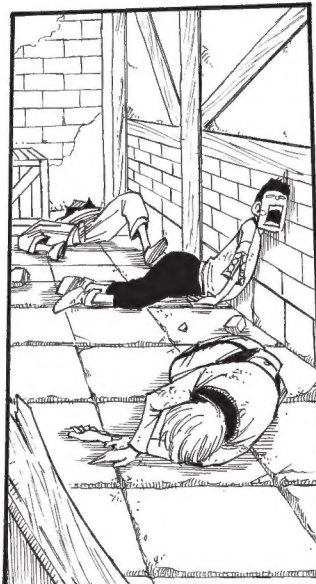
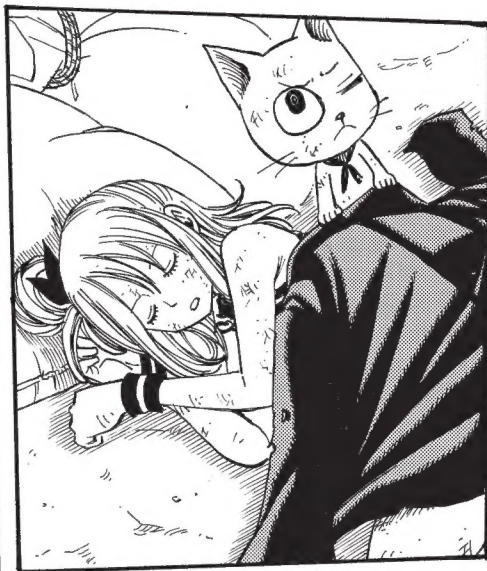
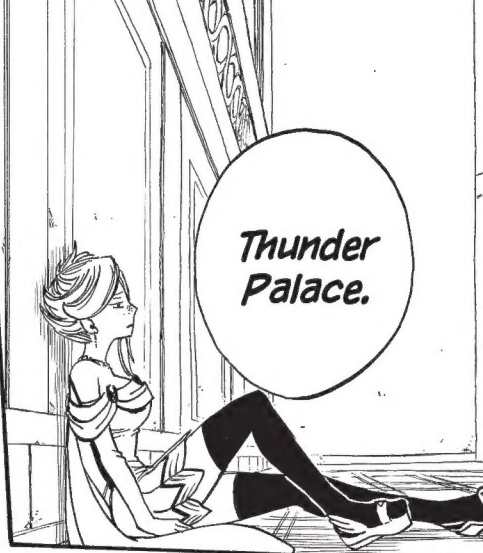
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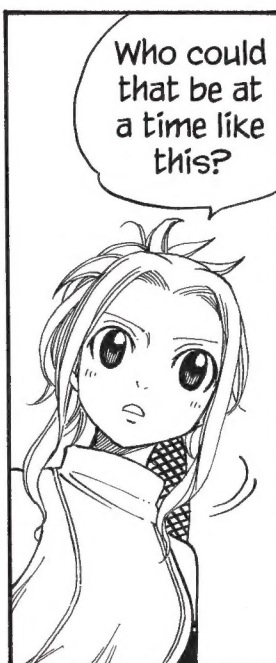
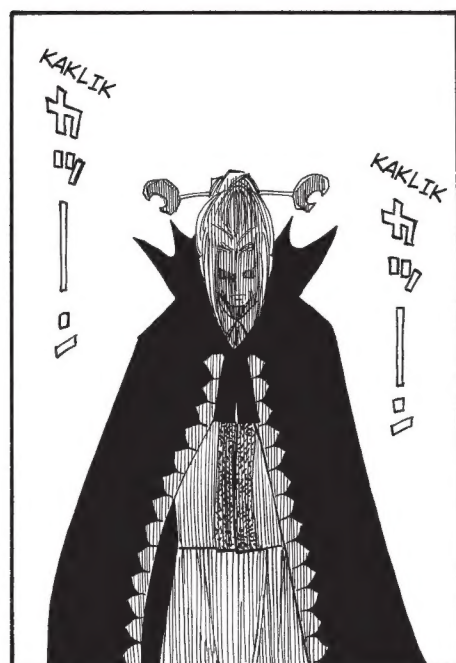
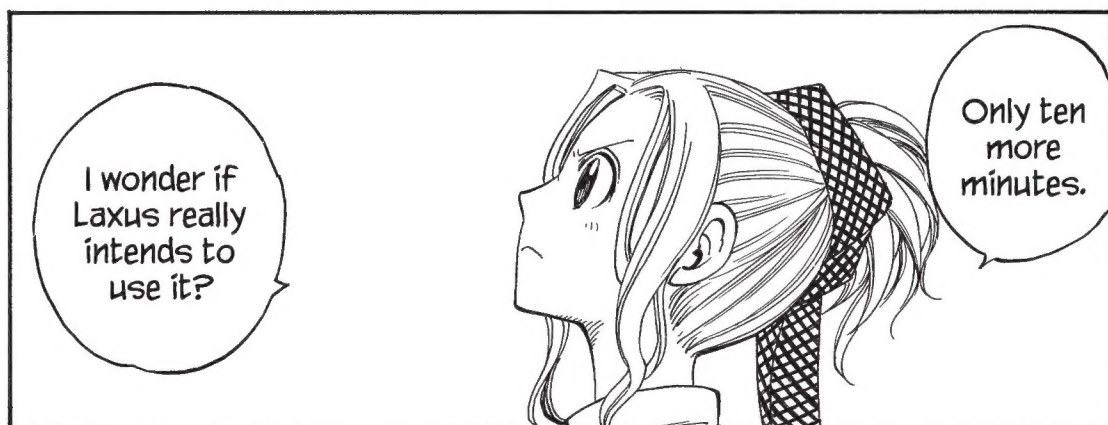
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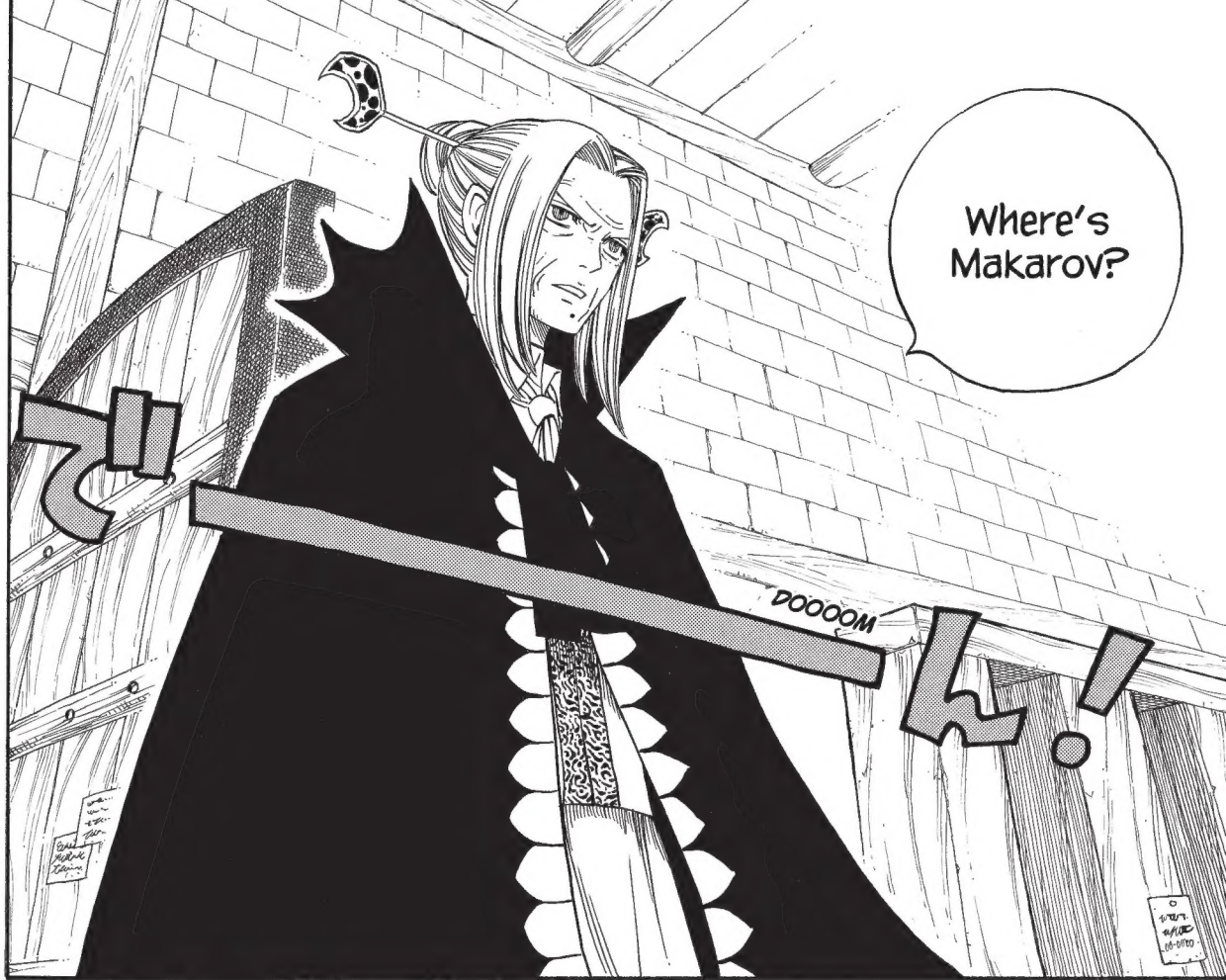
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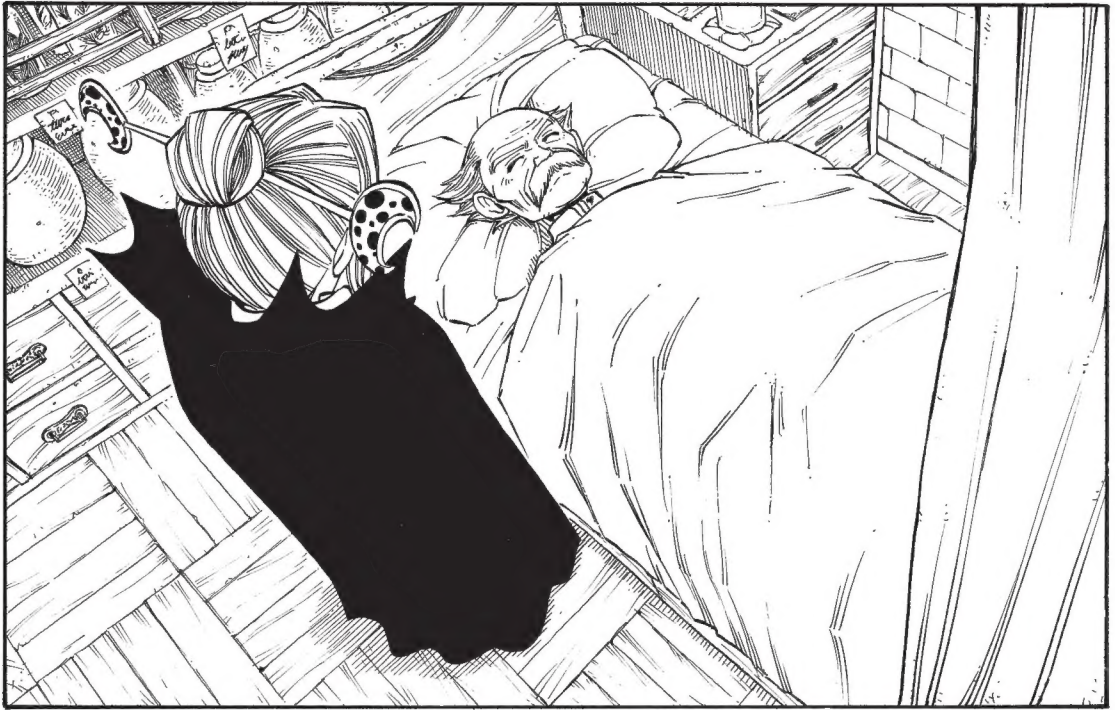
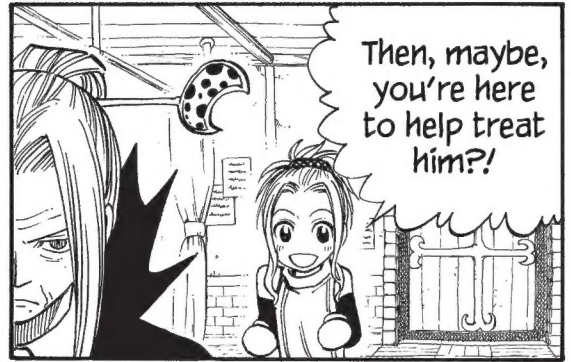
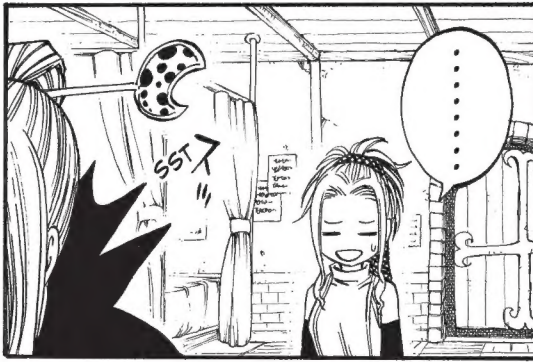
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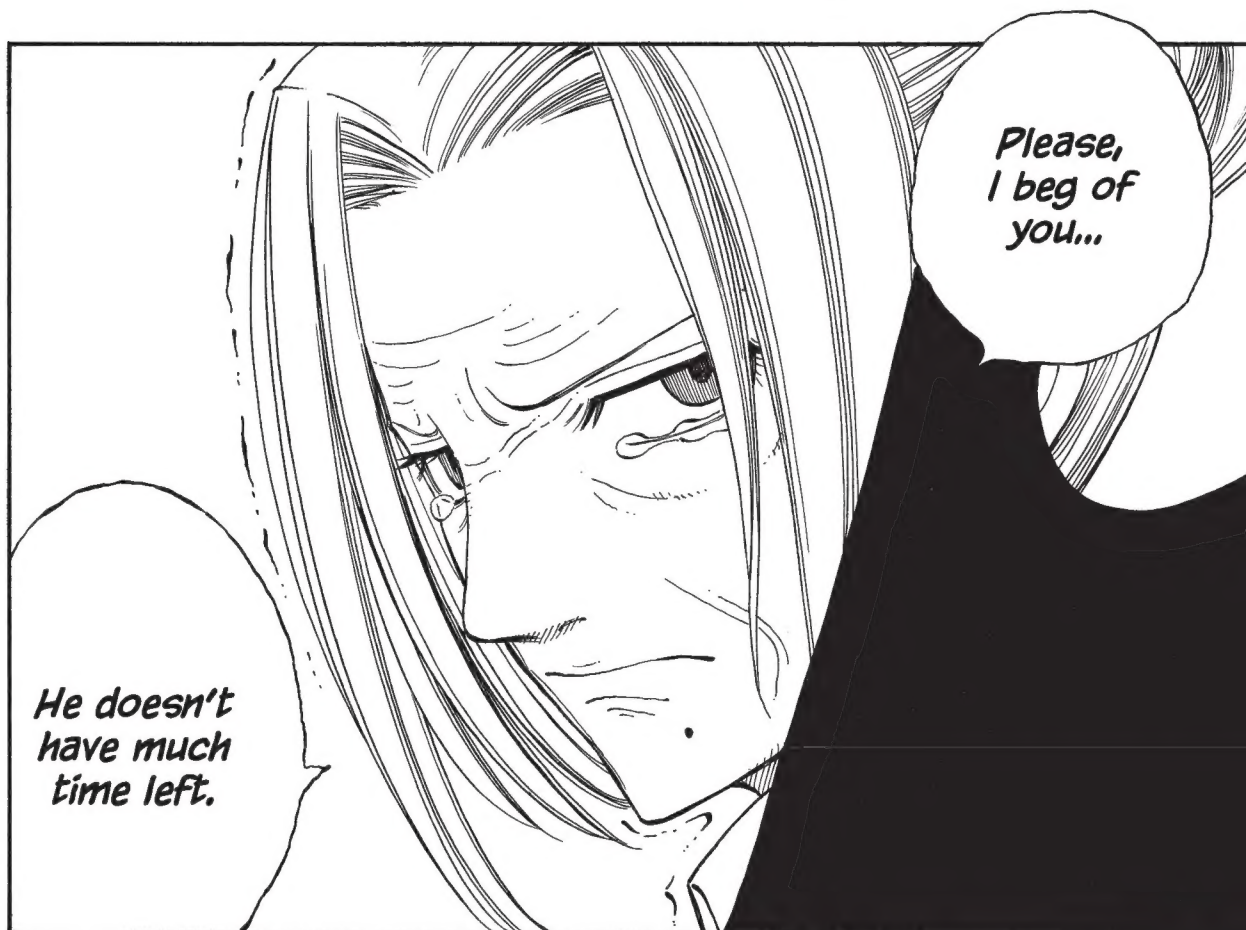
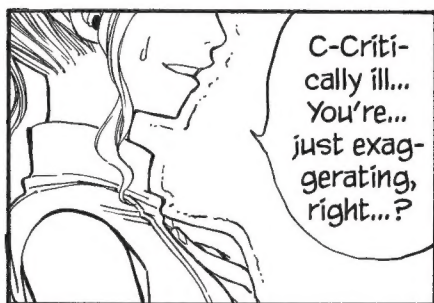




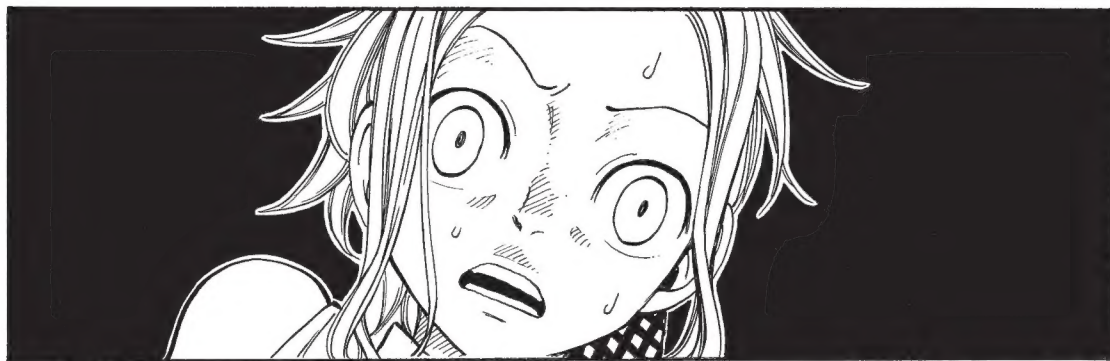








He doesn't have much time left.



Lexus...

Will you
shape up
and help
us with
Fantasia?



...you have
no right to
talk!

Old man...



Ever since I was little,
people have only ever
seen me as your
grandkid!!!

No matter what
I do, it's always,
"It's cause
he's Makarov's
grandson." "He's
the grandkid of the
master of Fairy
Tail!" I can't get
any credit for the
things I do!



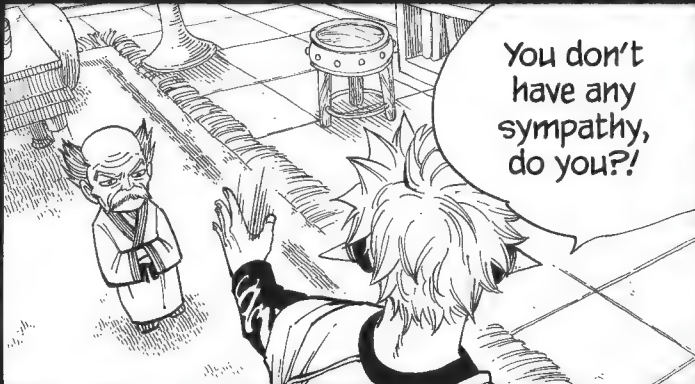
I wonder if
anybody gets
the credit he
deserves?

Credit is all
in how you
look at it,
right?



That
isn't...

All he said was that
he "doesn't feel
comfortable," and
you go dragging
his name through
the gutter!



You don't
have any
sympathy,
do you?!




*Why
did you
have to
go and
expel
Dad?!!!*



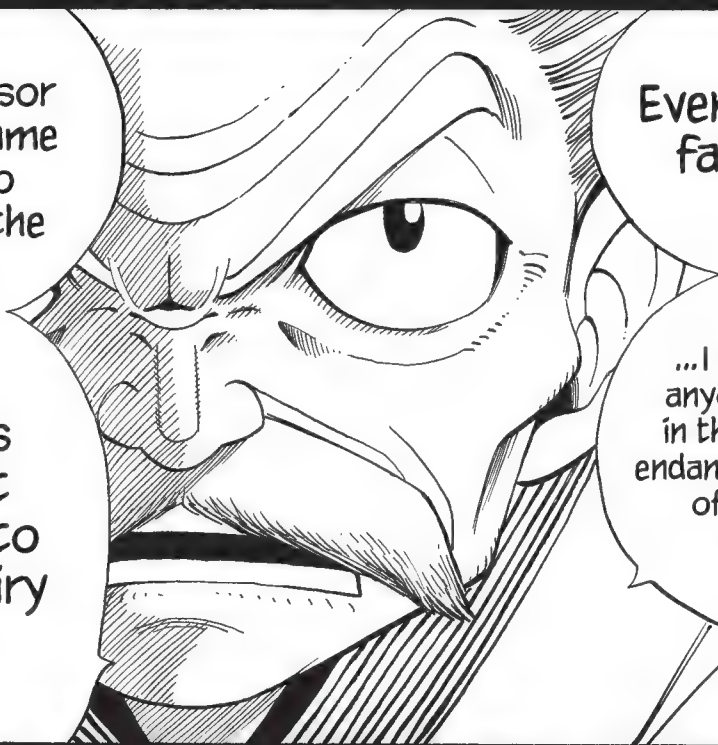
He
brought
damage
upon the
guild.





But he's
your son,
right?!!!
You're
family,
right?!!!

I know he's
always doing
stupid stuff!



My
predecessor
did the same
thing to
protect the
guild!

Even if he's
family...

That is
what it
means to
be in Fairy
Tail!

...I can't allow
anyone to stay
in the guild who
endangers the lives
of his guild
mates!



He started
a guild?!

If you do, I'll
just go join
the guild he
made and
come back to
crush you!

Then are
you gonna
fire me,
too?!



W-Wait!!

Don't even pretend you care! Anybody can see through that!



Th-Then you know where he is right now?




If I don't find him, Fairy Tail will be in danger!!!!

He left with information that could be damaging to Fairy Tail!!!!



Lexus!!

You should talk, after you chased him out!



I won't get
better for Dad.
I'll be doing it
so I can be me!

One day, I
will surpass
you.



***So I can
be my own
man!***



I never for a minute thought you'd take part in this game.

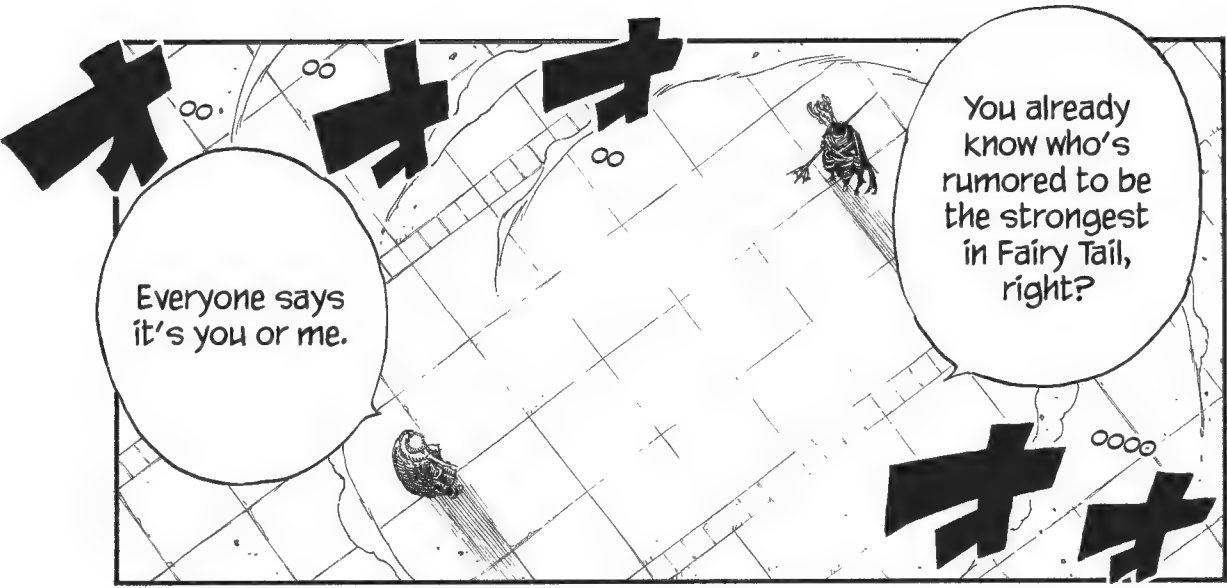
Mystogan!

DoOOOm
獄神楽

Pants: Dance of Purgatory

Don't be a pea-brain.

Take down the Thunder Palace immediately. It is possible we can still smooth this over as being a part of the entertainment.



Everyone says it's you or me.

You already know who's rumored to be the strongest in Fairy Tail, right?

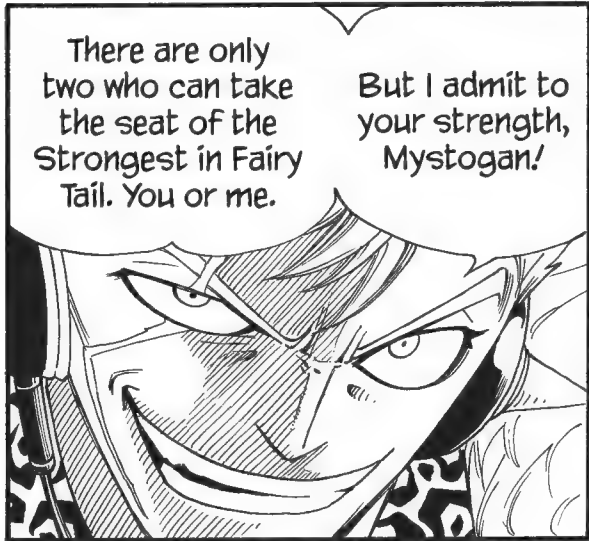


And Erza's a no-go too. She's on her way, but now she's too weak.

Not a chance! He's never coming back.



I don't really care. If I did, I'd say it's Gildarts.



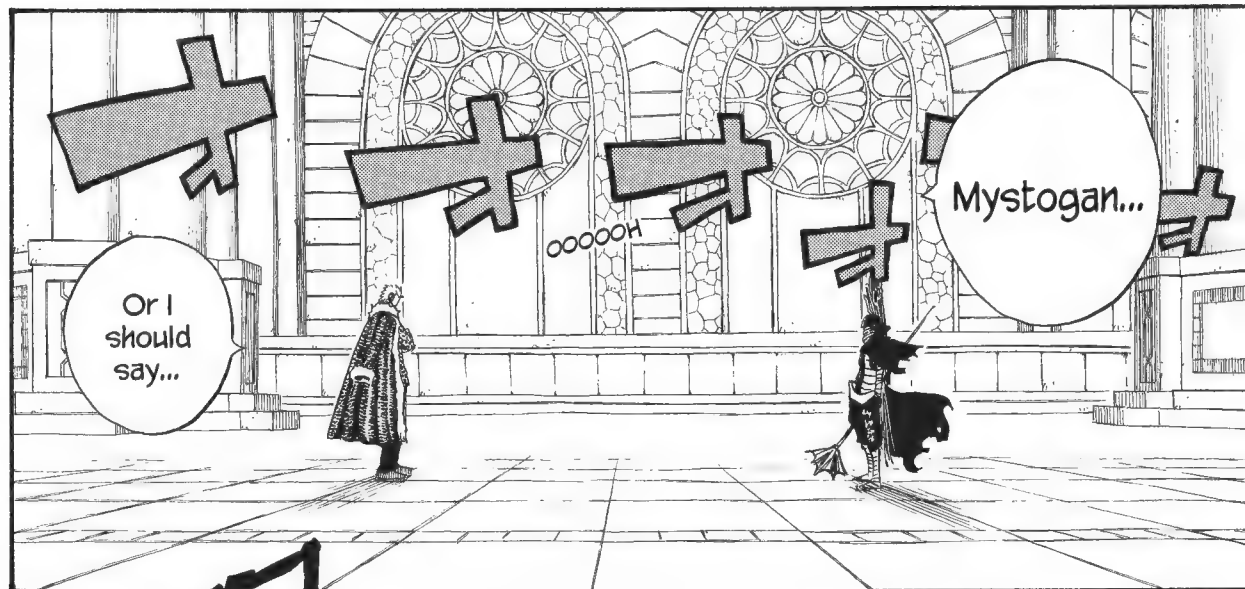
There are only two who can take the seat of the Strongest in Fairy Tail. You or me.

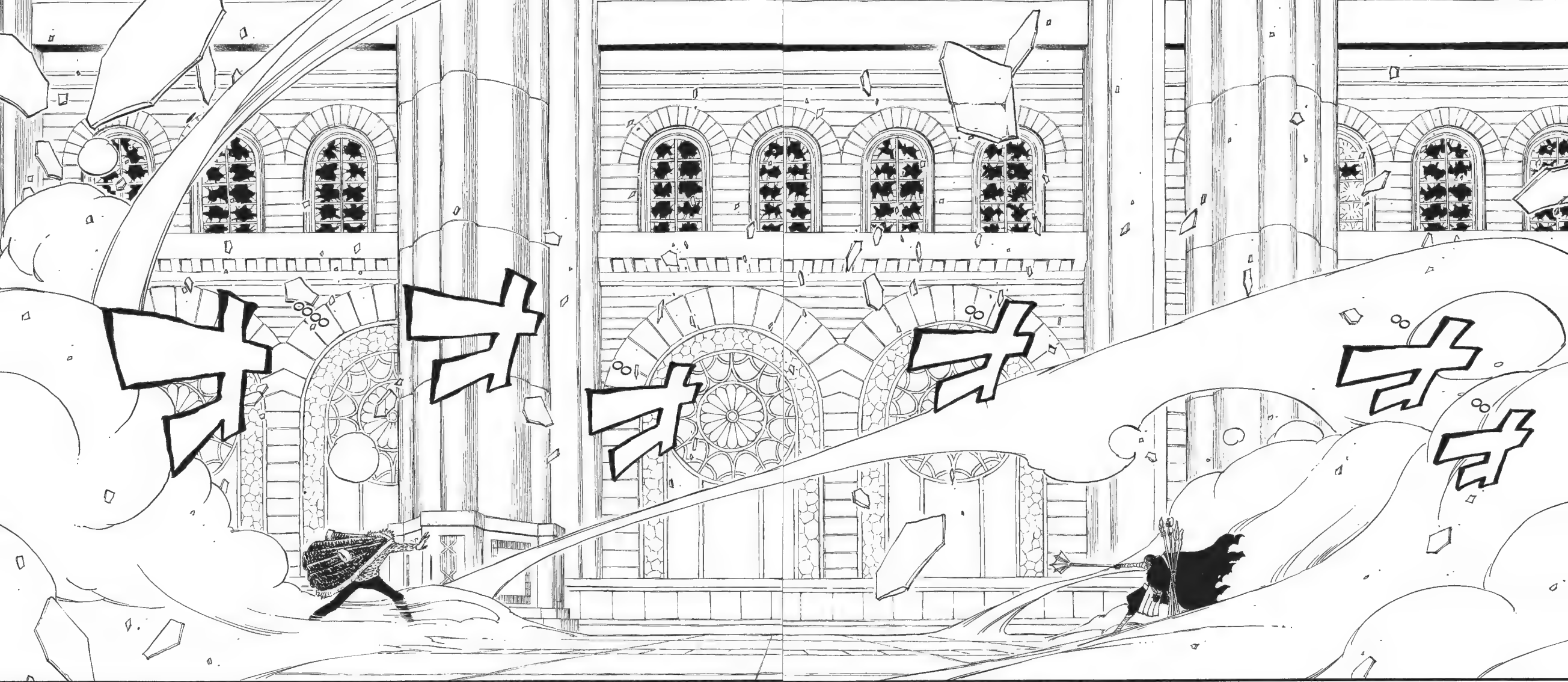
But I admit to your strength, Mystogan!



You got a strange set of blinders over your eyes.

Erza? Weak?

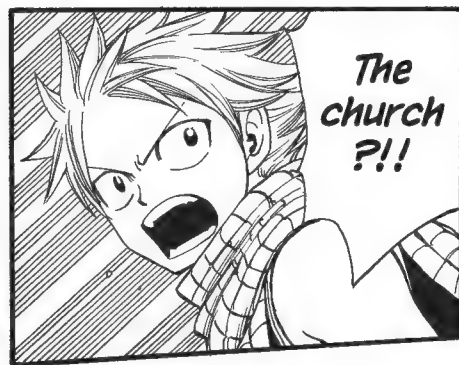




Who knows?.
How about
I tell you if
you win?



...Where
did you
hear
that?



The
church
?!!



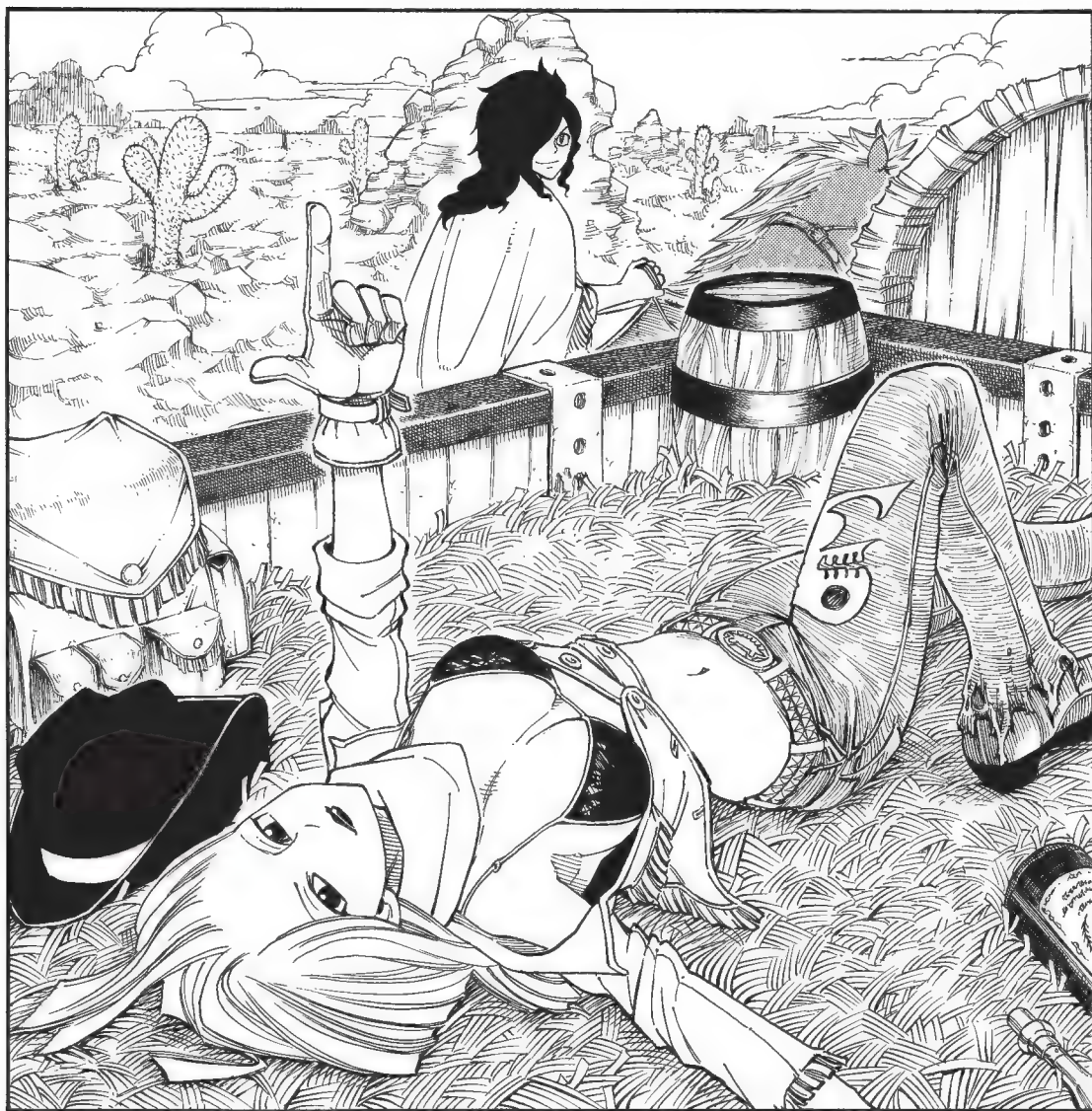
Kardia
Cath-
edral?!

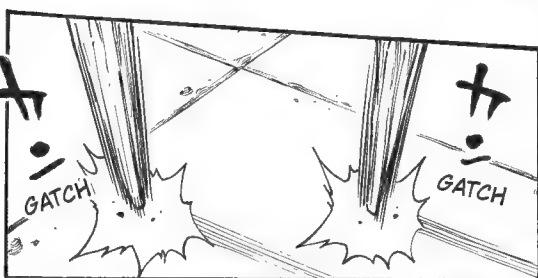


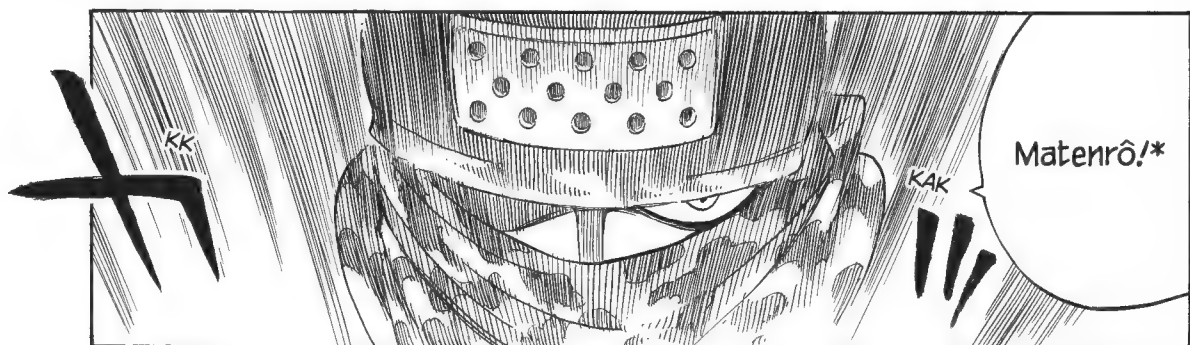
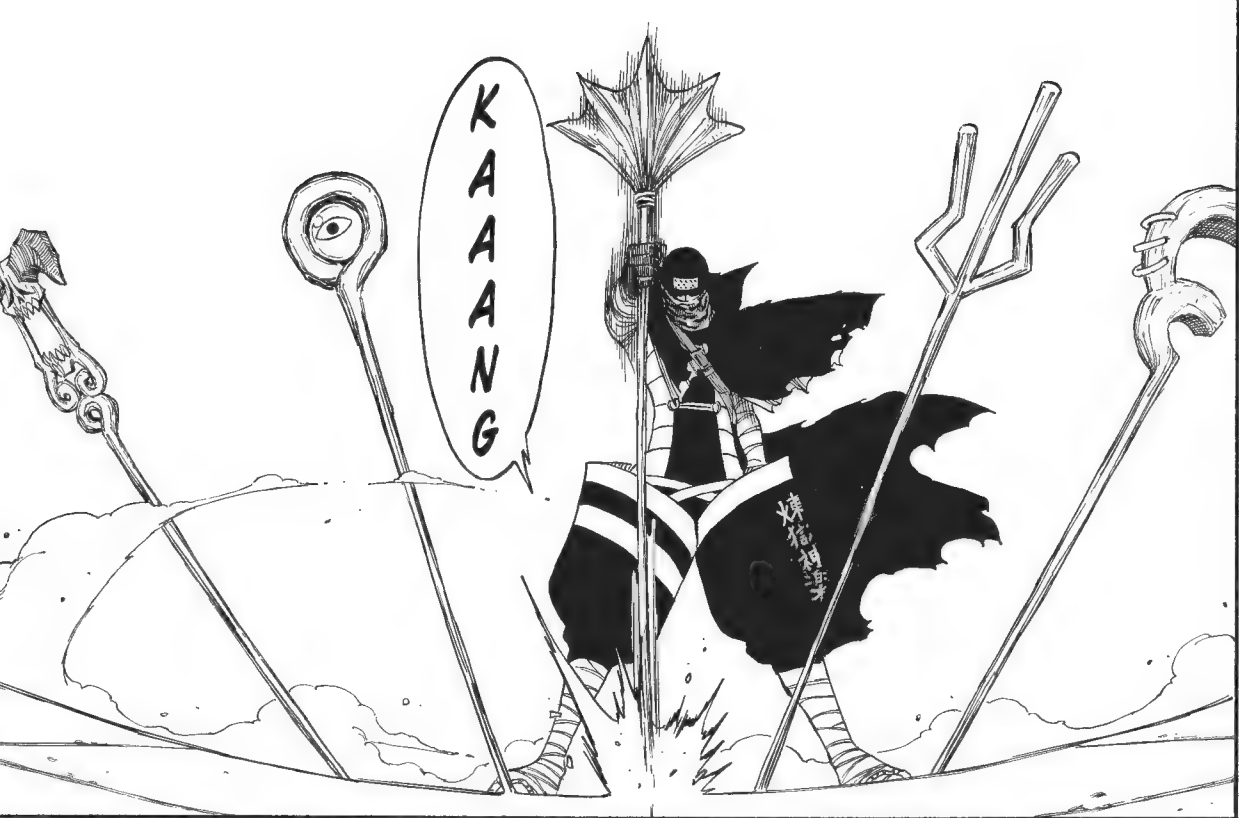


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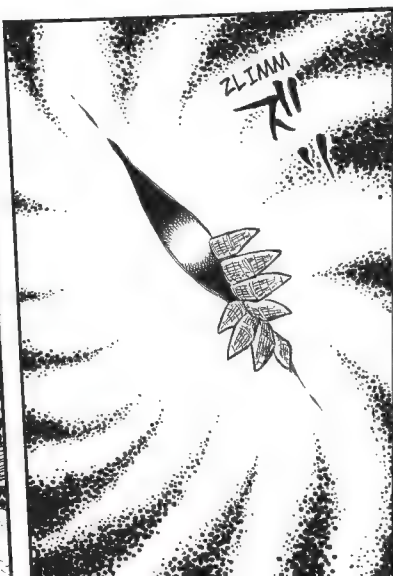




*Sky Scraping!









GROOOAAAAA

Uwaa-
ooooo
!!!!



What the
hell is this
magic?!!!





Did you really think
I'd fall for an *illusion*,
Mystogan?!

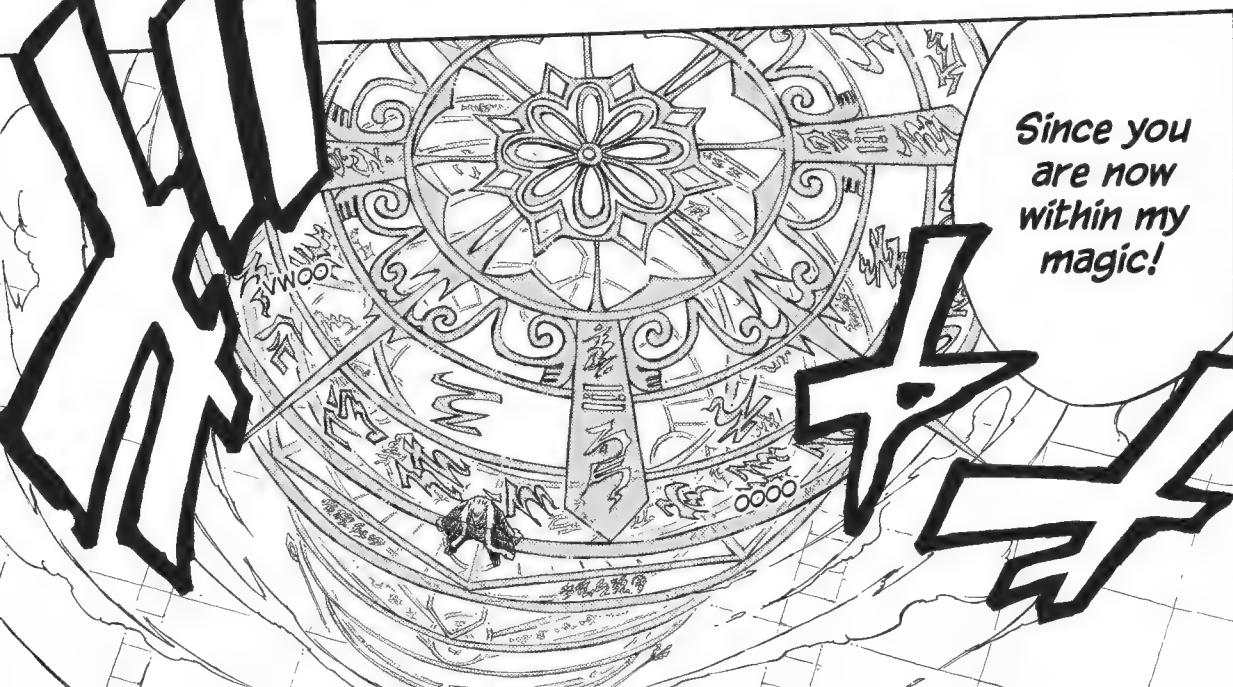


KAK



Yes, you
wouldn't.

But you
were a
moment
too late
in real-
izing.



Since you
are now
within my
magic!

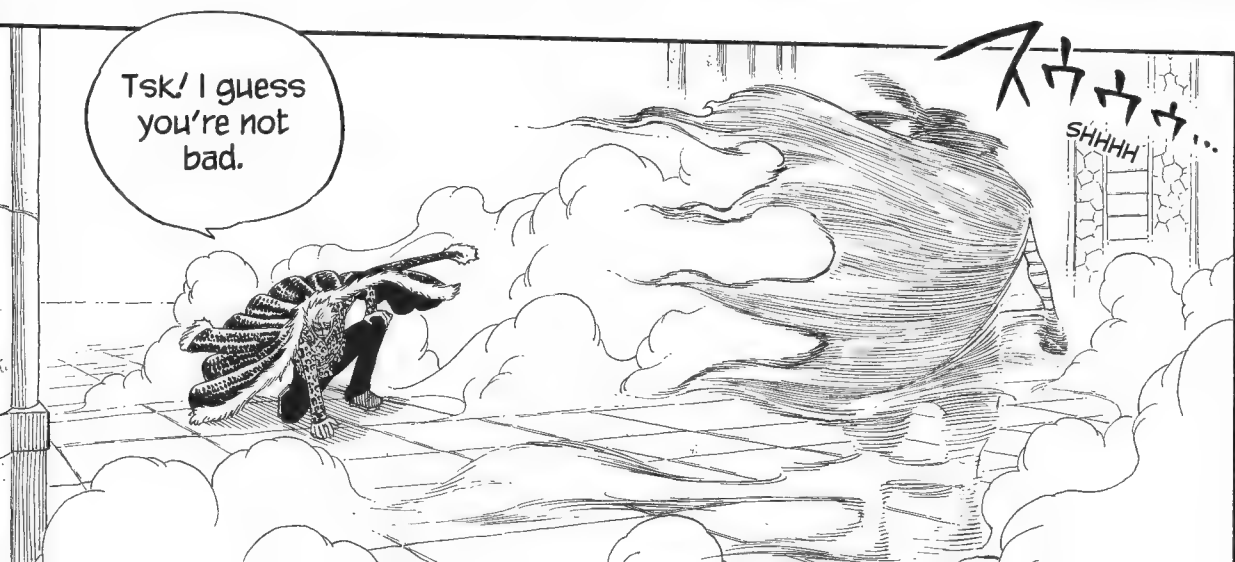
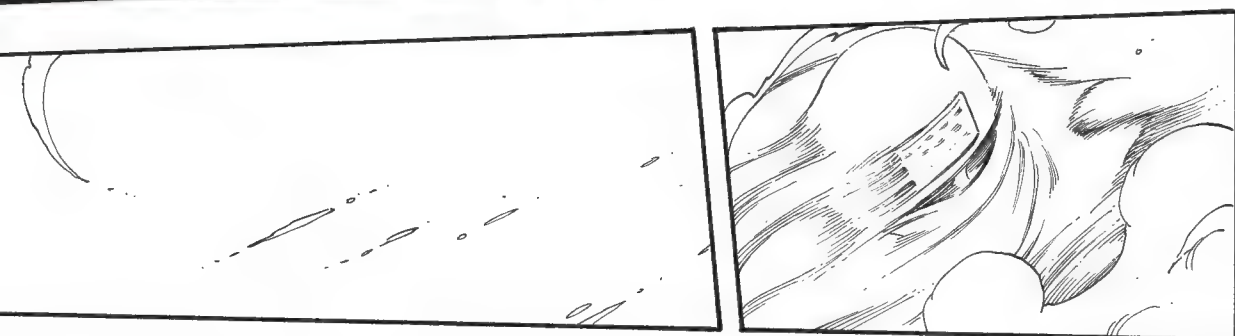


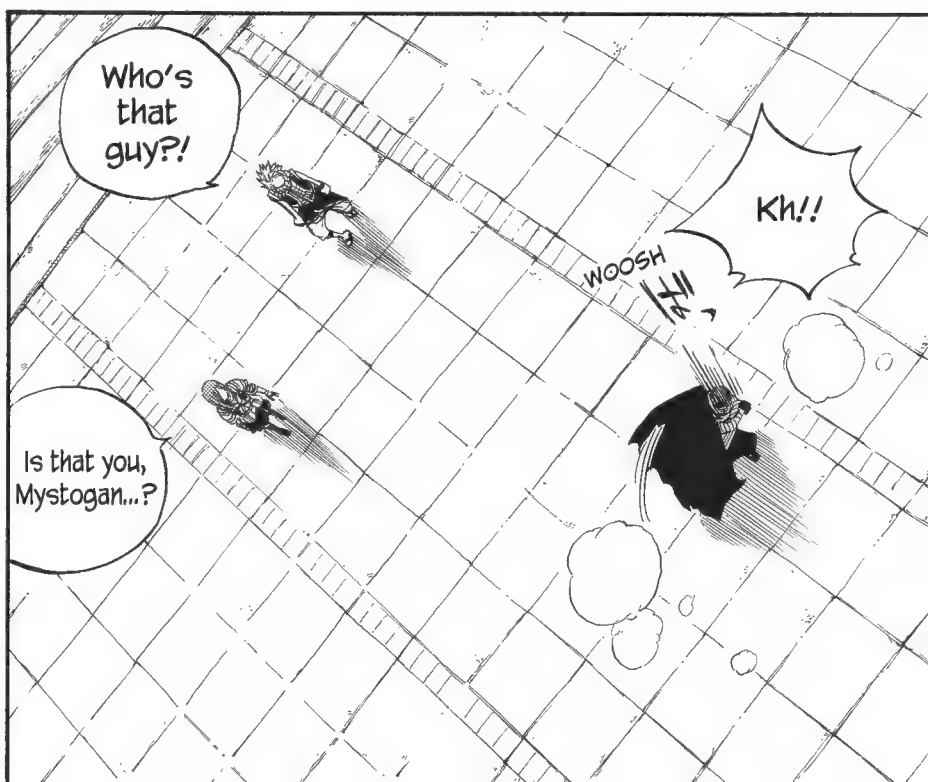
*Dance of the Gods!!!!

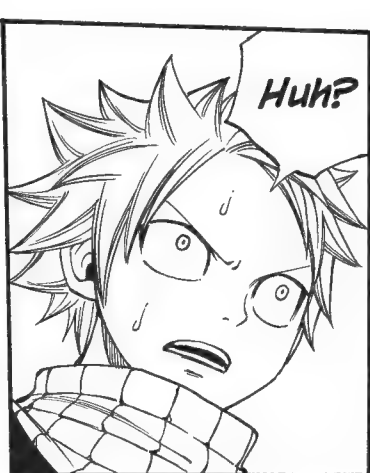
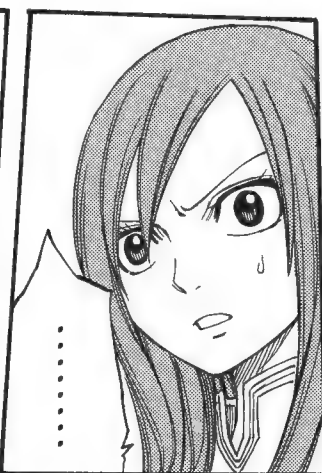




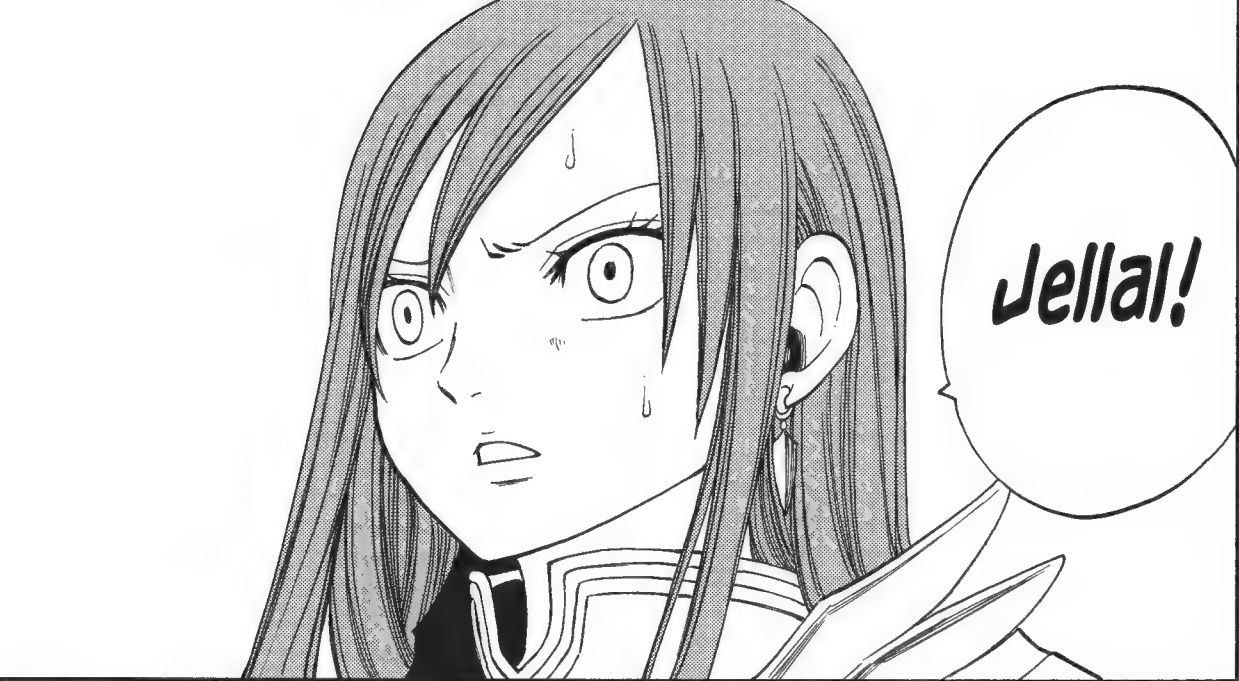




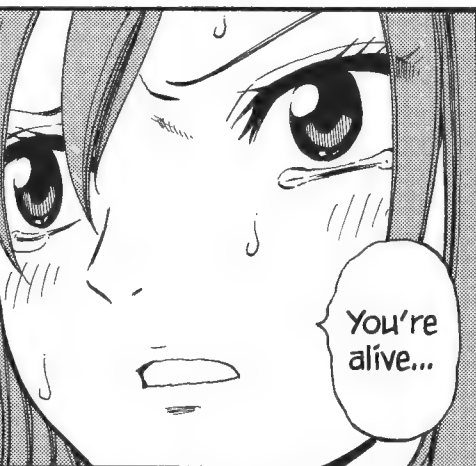








Jellal!



You're
alive...



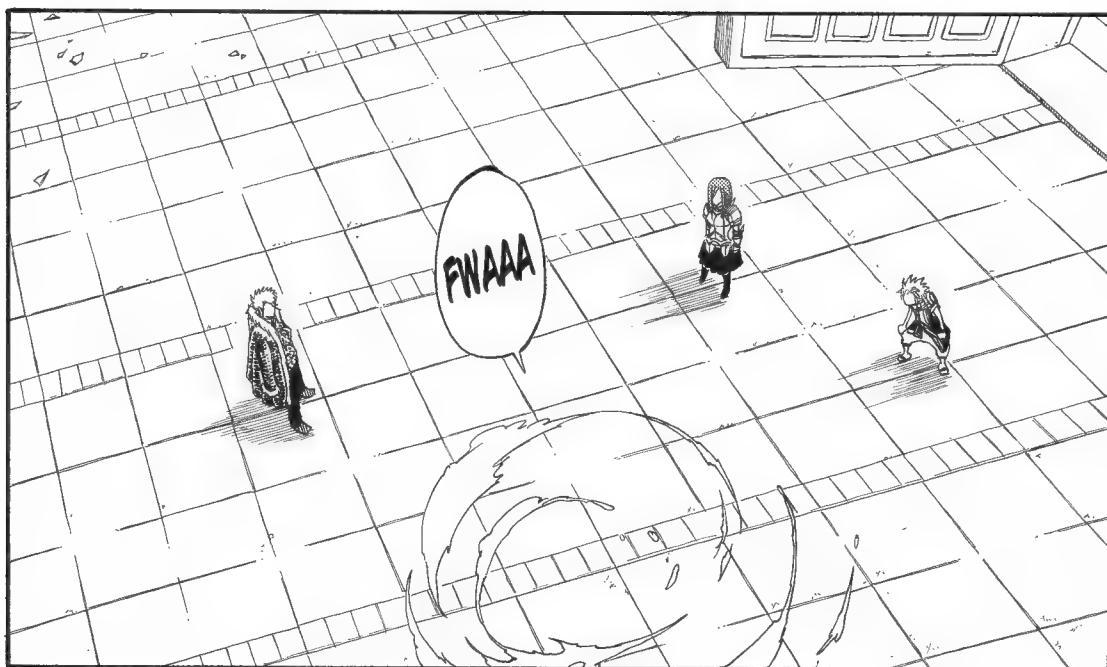
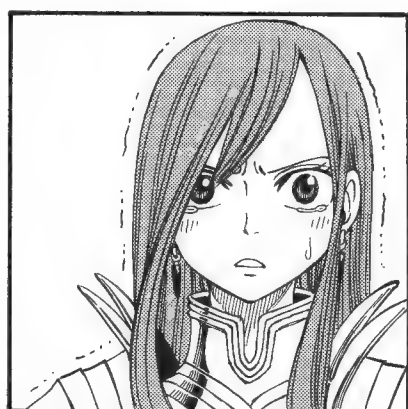
It's
you...



Wh-What's
this supposed
to mean?!
Mystogan is
Jellal?!

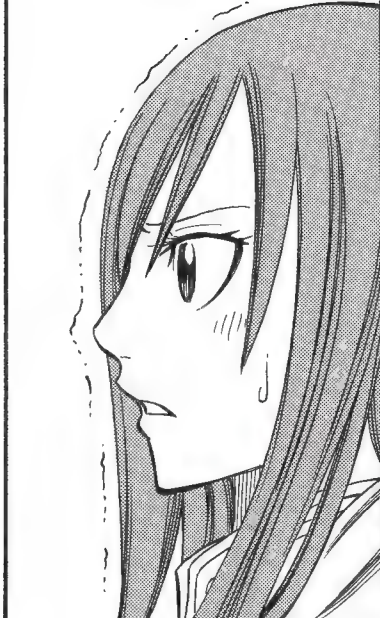


Huh? You
guys have
seen his face
before?





**Erza
!!!!**



Erza, you're
okay with
this, right?!
I'm taking
him on!!!

Awwww,
I don't get it!!
But it can wait!!!
Laxus, you and
me are on!!!



**Gwaa-
aahh
!!!**

SHRAKKK



**Now
come
at me!**

That face
looks ugly
on you.



**Lexus
!!!!**



**You
piece
of-!!!!**

*I told you
that I was the
one to take
you on!!!!*



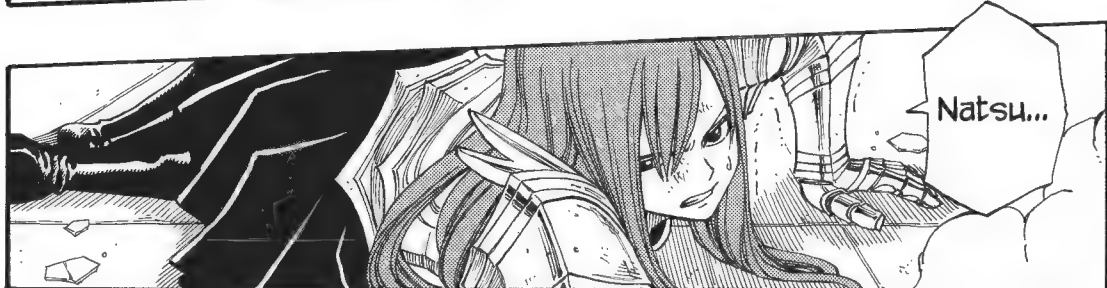
... Natsu?

*Hm? When
did you get
here...*

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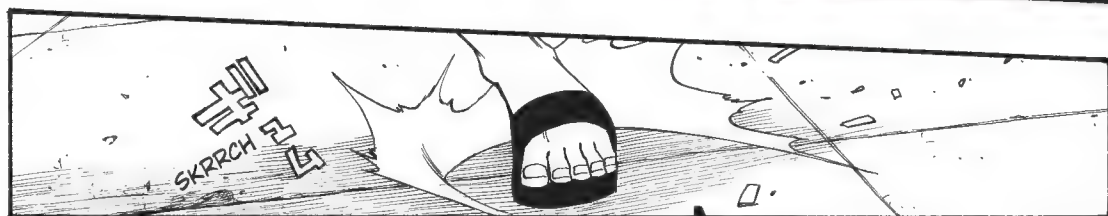
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Buzz off,
small fry!!!!



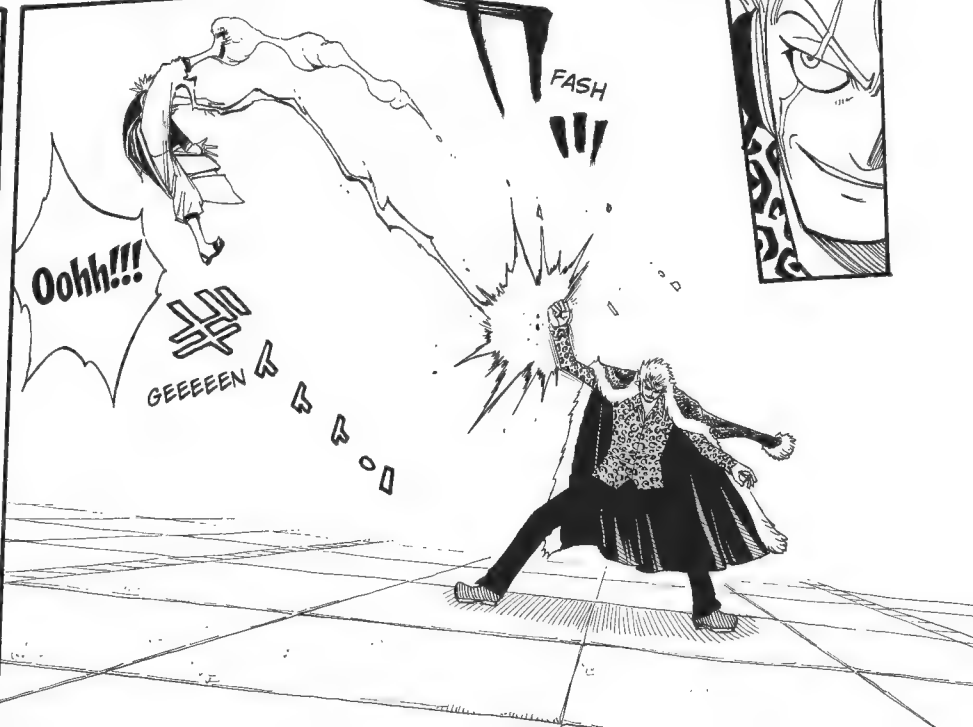
GYAAOOOOO

DMP



Karyû no
Kagizume*
!!!!

*Talons of the Fire
Dragon!!!!

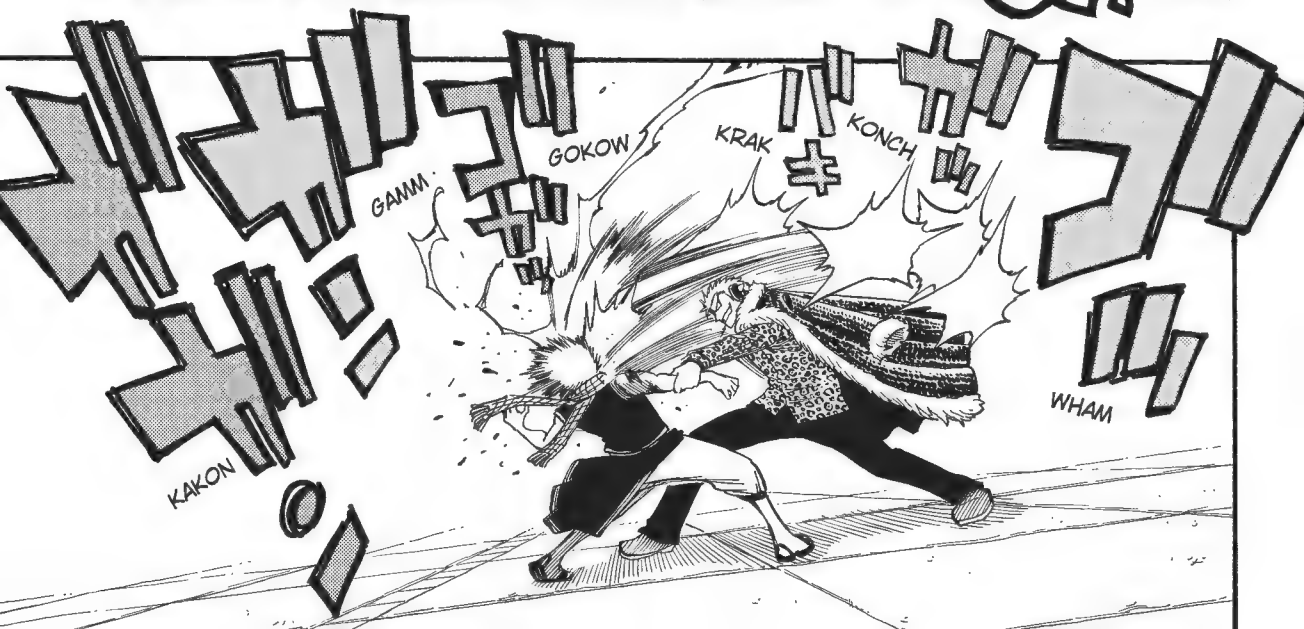
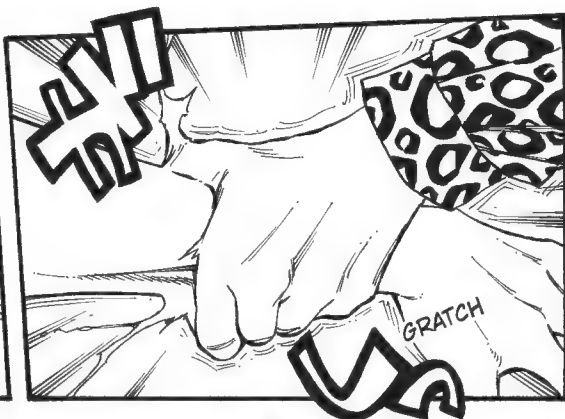


Oohh!!!

GEEEN

FASH

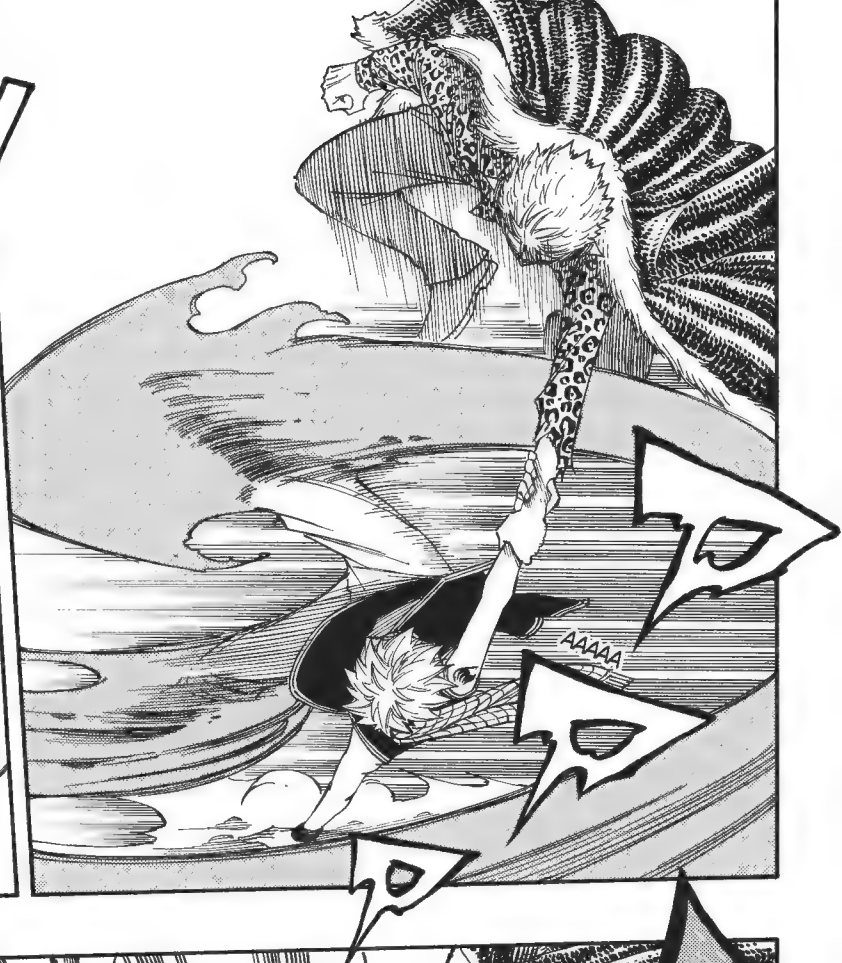


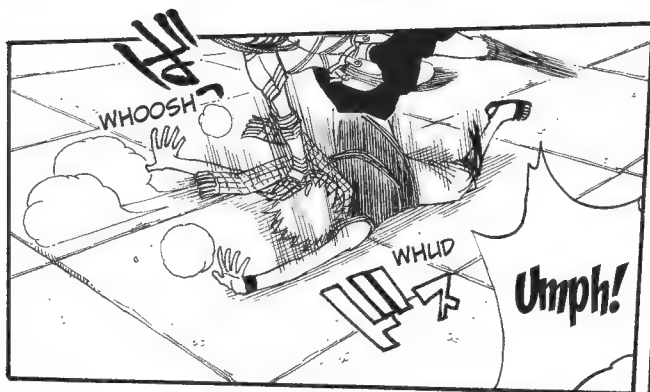


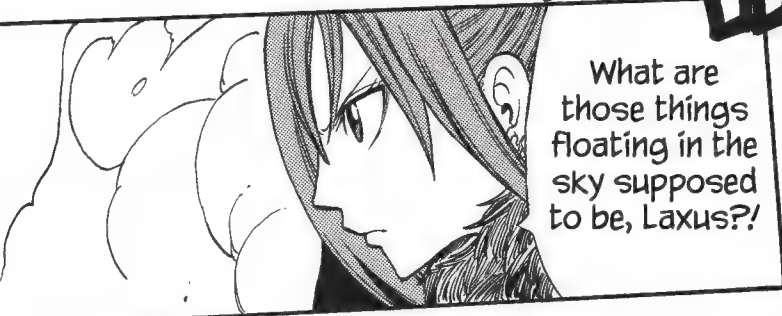












What are those things floating in the sky supposed to be, Laxus?!



Thunder Palace! You've heard of it, right?



Erza !!!

Even though
it *pains* me
to do it.

Heh heh heh...

Ha ha ha!
Hey, it's
the new
rule!

You aren't
actually
planning on
attacking
the town, are
you?!

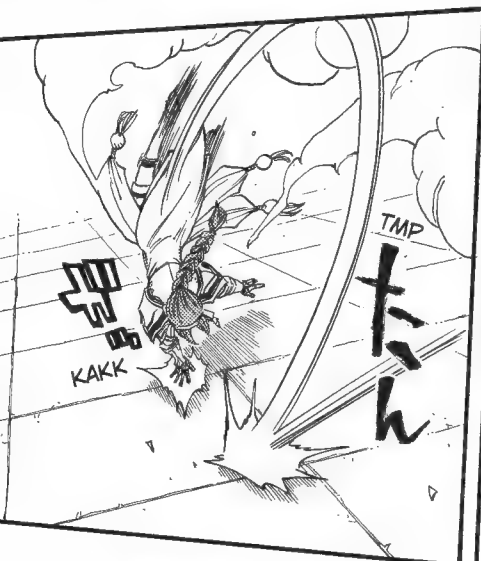
You
bastard!!!!

I can't!!
Even if I tried,
they'd kill
me!!

Natsu! Go
and destroy
all those
lacrima!!!

You only
have two
minutes
left.

GRIMP





Your
Thunder
Empress
Armor?!!

DOO OOM

ZUSHHH

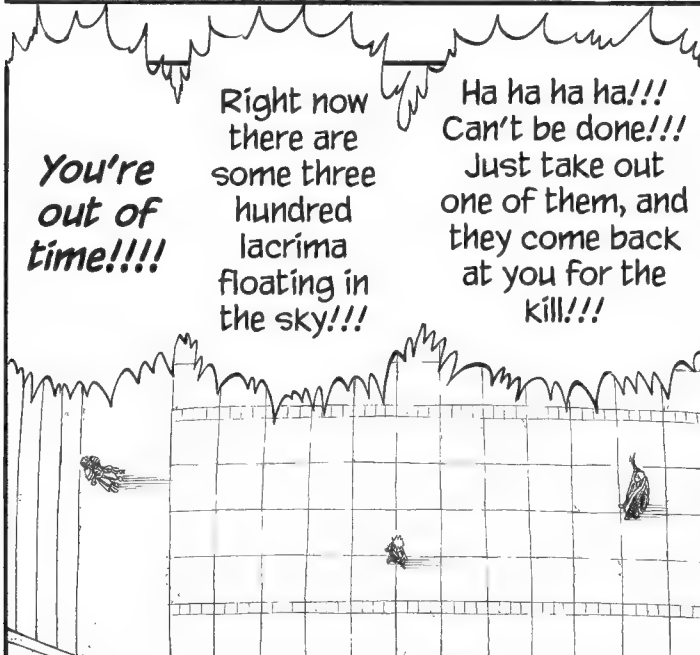
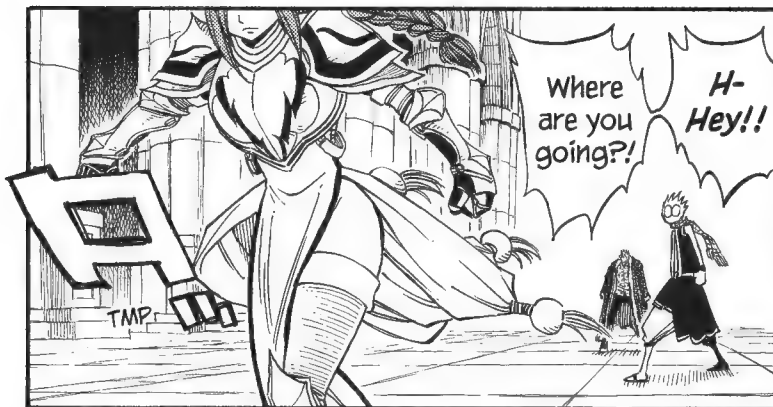
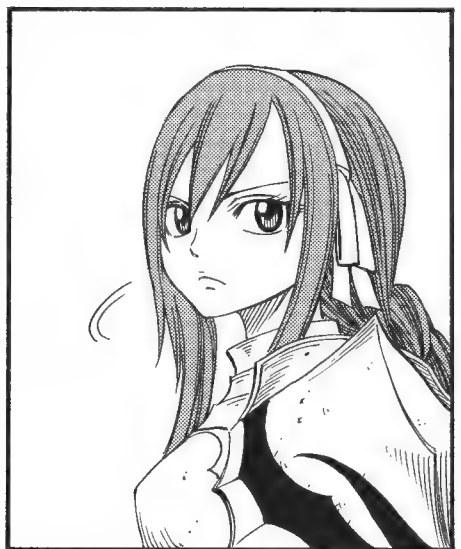
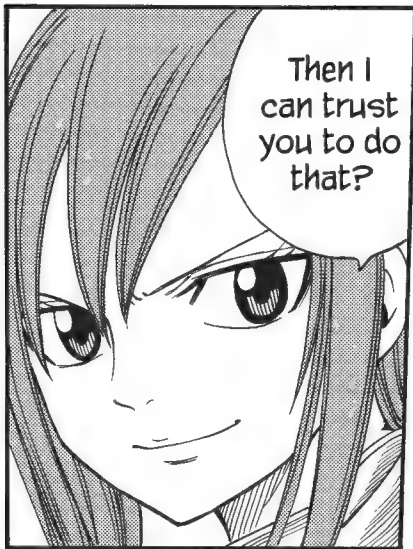


I keep
telling
you, I'm
gonna
take him
out!!

What's
the deal,
going after
Lexus all
serious?!



Humph! You
think you can
reduce the
damage from
my lightning
attacks with
that?!





*Not if I
destroy them
all at once!*



And even if
you could,
you wouldn't
survive it!!!!

Can't be
done!!!!



*Perhaps
not, but the
town would
be saved!*

CHANK

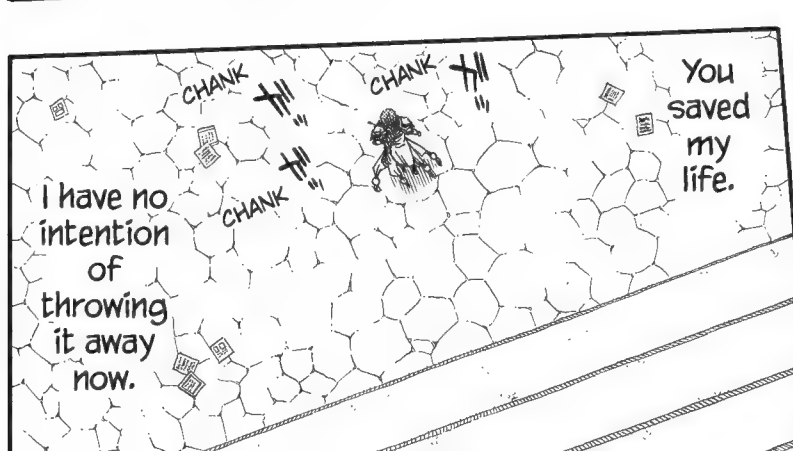
CHANK

CHANK





*I'm
talking
about
trustin'
you to
stay
alive!!!!*





Karyû
no...



Dam-
mit!!



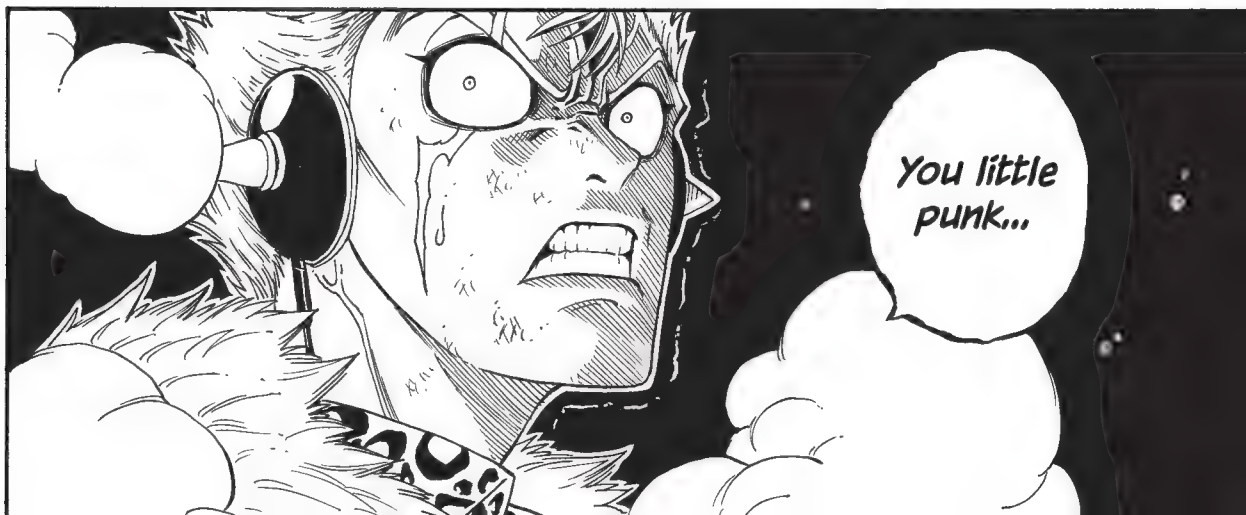
Ern...

DWOOO

Hôkô*!!!!

*Fire Dragon's Roar

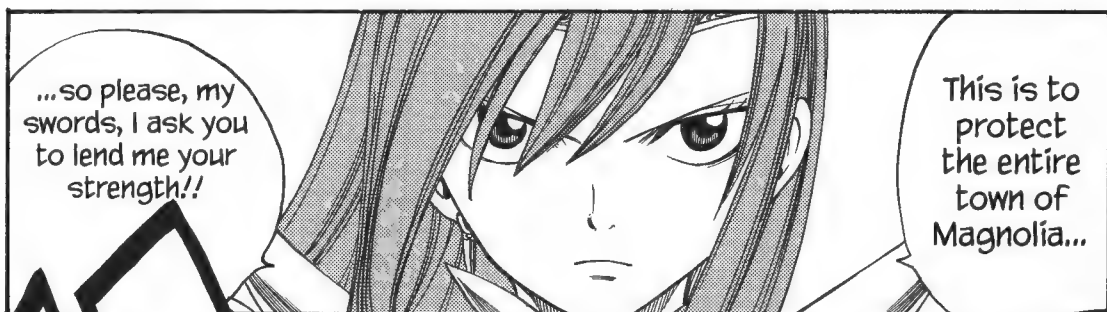
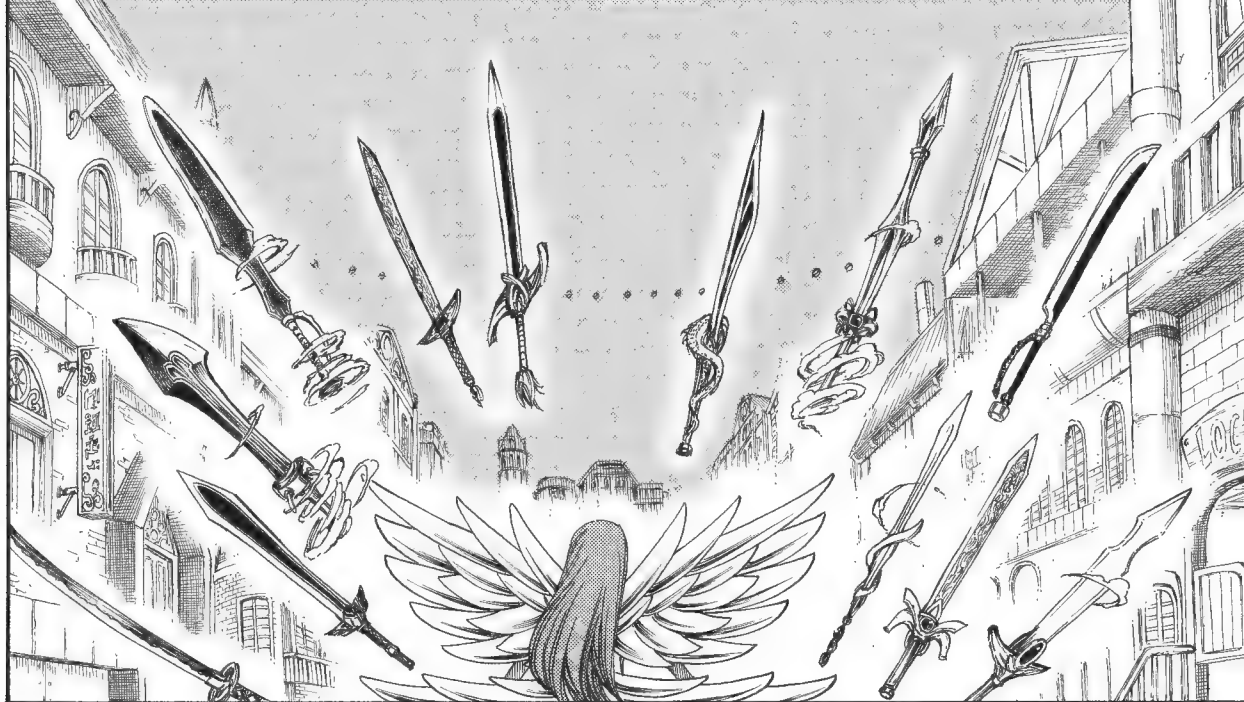




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Chapter 122: The Lonely Thunder Clap







*Just how
watered-down
and worthless
this guild is
now!!!*

*Even
you're not
so thick
as to
miss it,
Natsu!!!*



*But to
change
it, I gotta
become the
master!!!*

*I'm here to
change the
guild!!!*



*Don't you
care what's
gonna
happen
to the
town?!!!*

*What are
you waiting
for, old
man?!!!*



One minute and
30 seconds until
Thunder Palace fires.

ひびきわたる
火の音





*I guess
it's gotta
be hard to
live your
pig-headed
life!!!!*

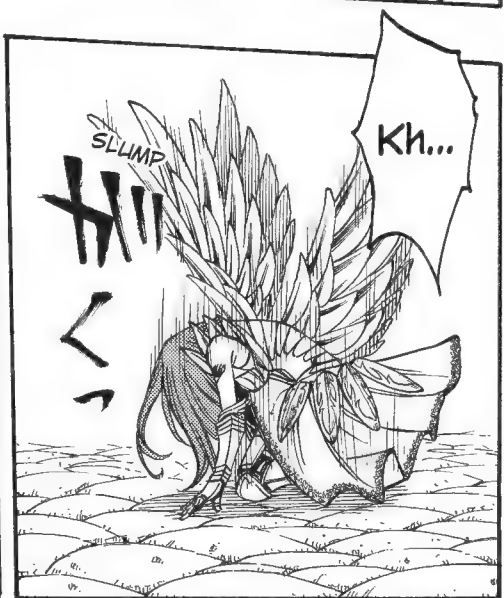
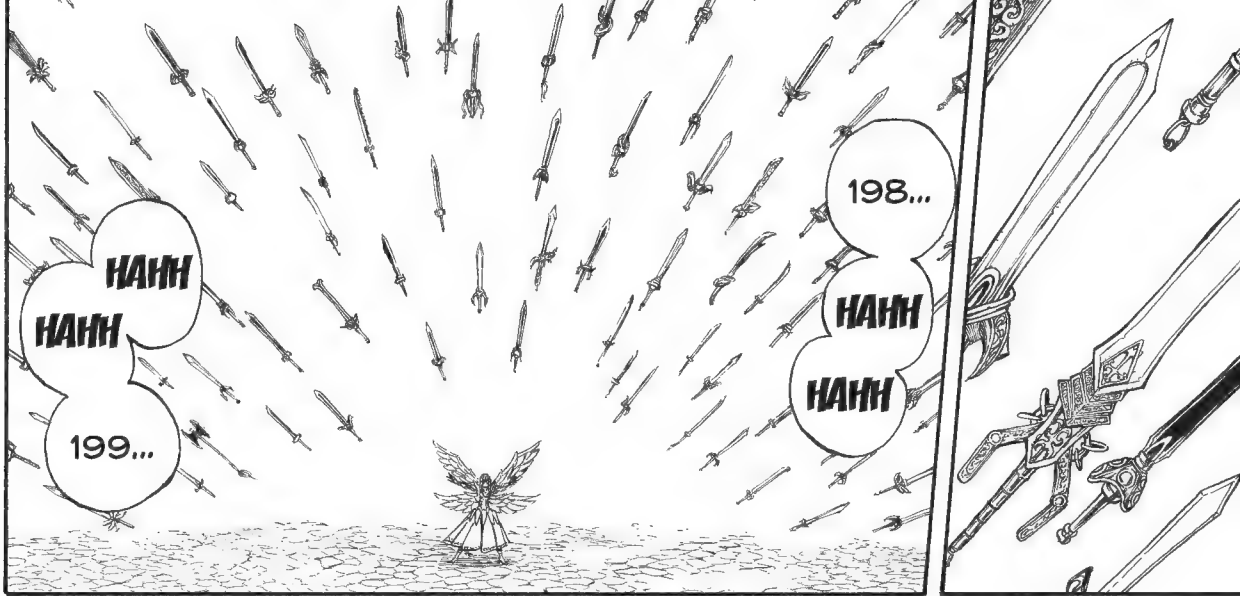
Lexus!!!!

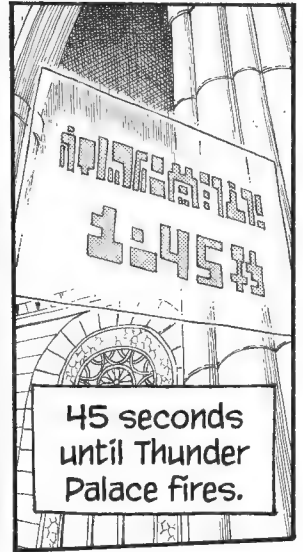
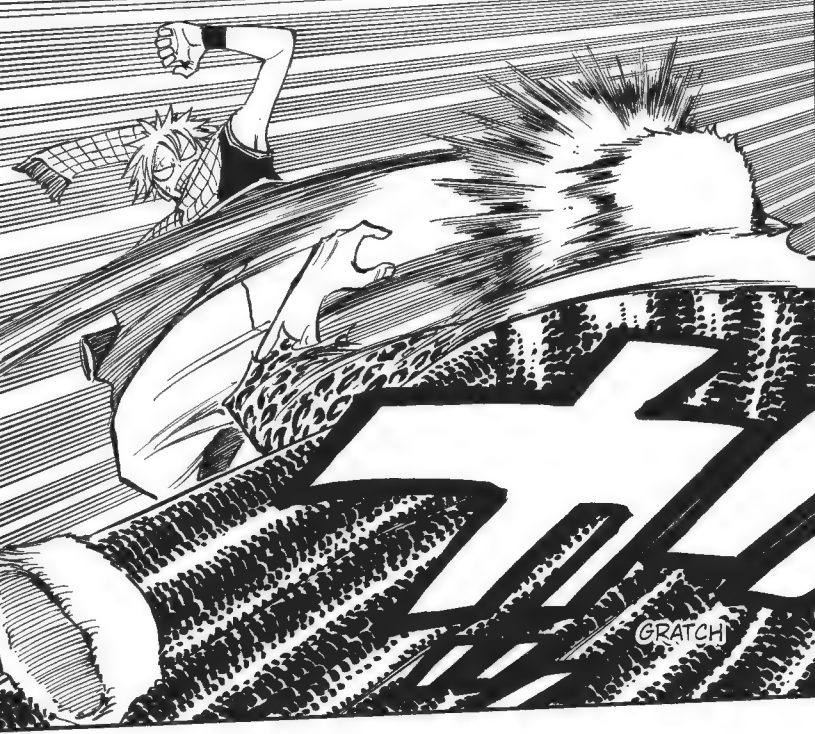


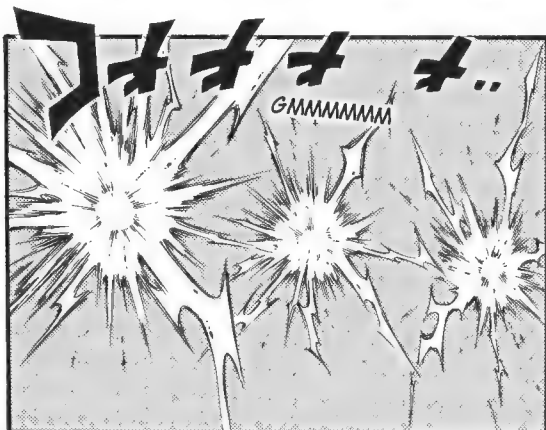
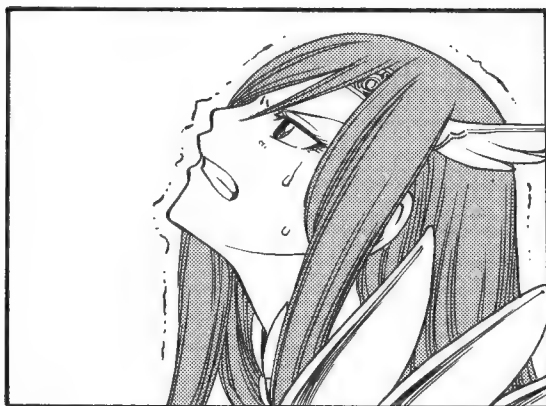
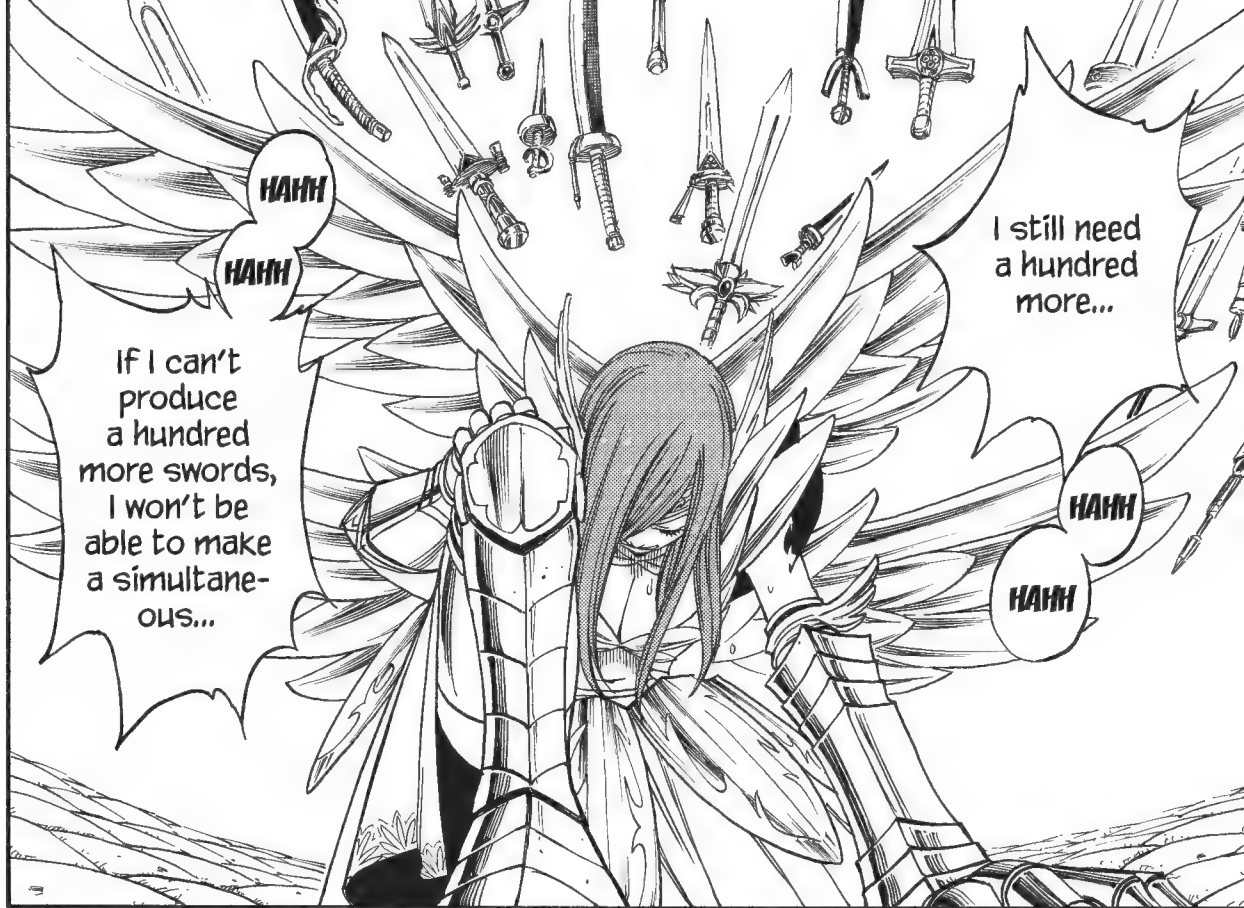
**You know
nothing,
you big-
mouthed...!!!!**

B-GYAAAAA













Warren,
how did
you...know
about
Thunder
Palace...?



Those are
Lexus'...?!



What'd
he say?!



That's Erza?!

*That voice!
That's Erza,
right?!*

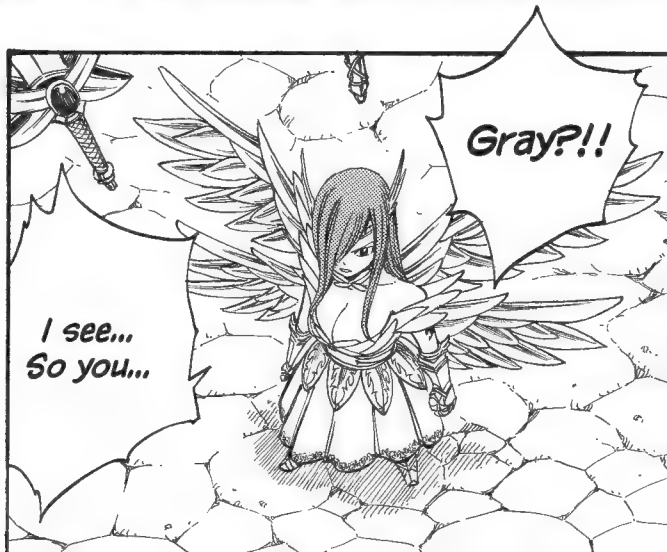
*So she's
okay?!*

You're
not stone
anymore?!

All right!!!

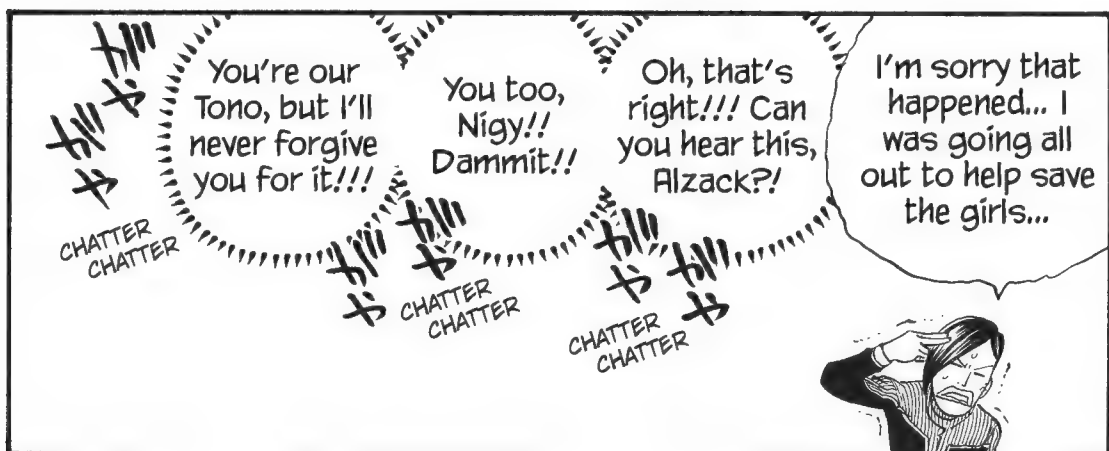
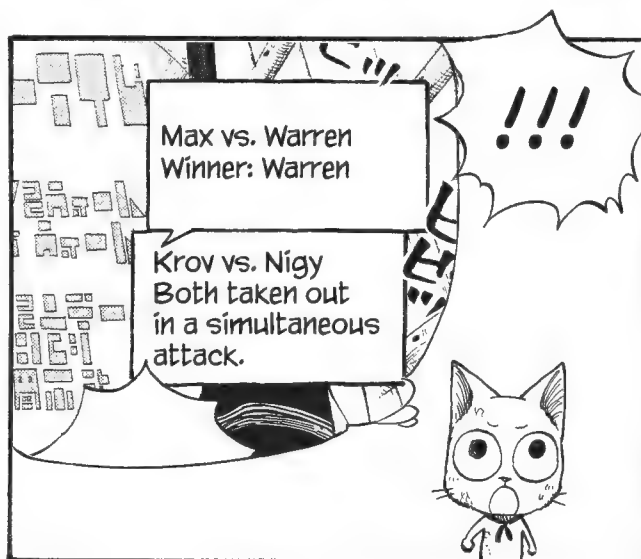


I bumped
into
Warren by
chance!



Gray?!!

*I see...
So you...*





Save
your petty
arguments
for after!!!!



You got no
right to say
anything!!!!



N-No!! They
have Organic
Link Magic
on them...



We're out of
time here!!!!
Just destroy
those things in
the sky!!!

Are you sure, Lucy?
It's going to hurt!

Let's go do this, Happy!!

Even if it hurts, let's go!!

What's that, Wakaba?!!
Don't go putting on airs, old man!!!!

Macao, you can't handle this!!!
Sleep this one out!!!!

Visitor, you bastard!
Don't move from where you are now!!!!

You'll get yours after we tear those things down!!!!

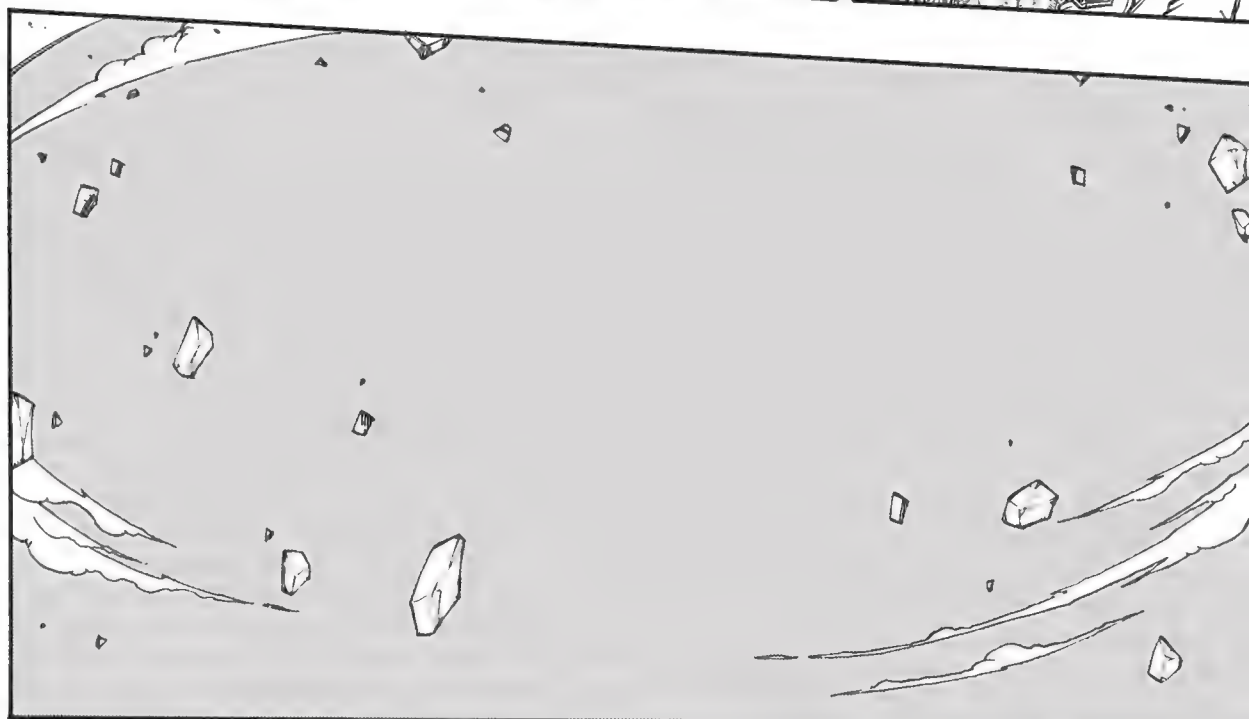
All of you...

Don't leave a single one!!!!

You focus on destroying all the ones to the south!!!

I'll take the two hundred to the north!!!!





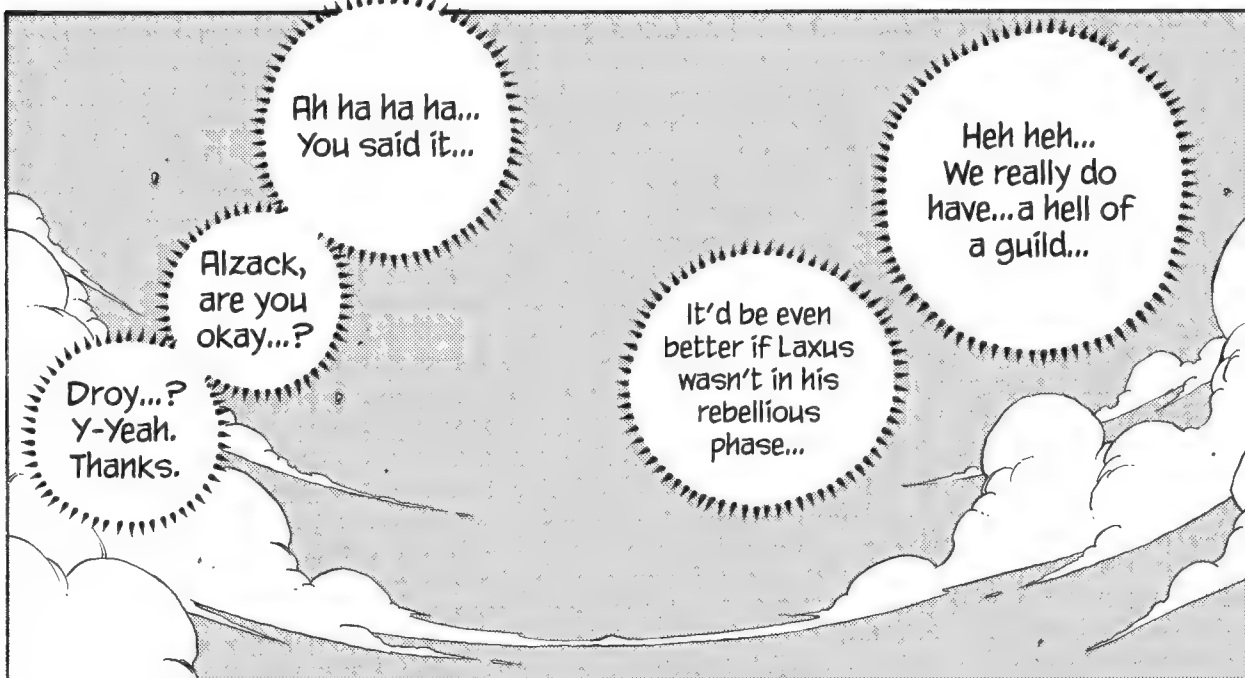




I honestly...
don't believe...
just how out-of-
control you all
are...



Yeah... that
goes for
you too, you
know...



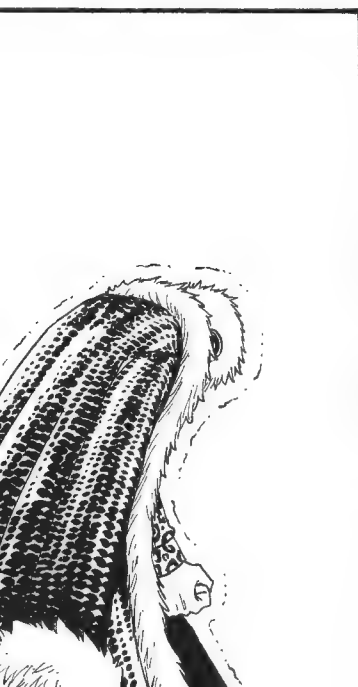
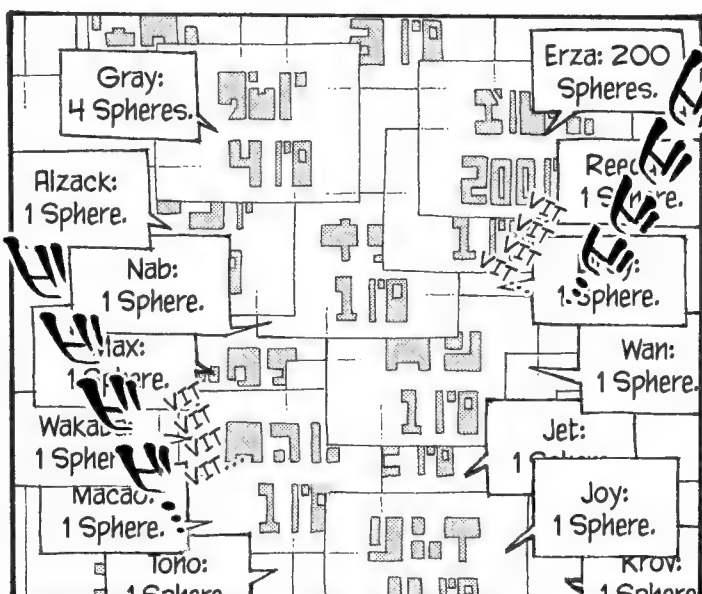
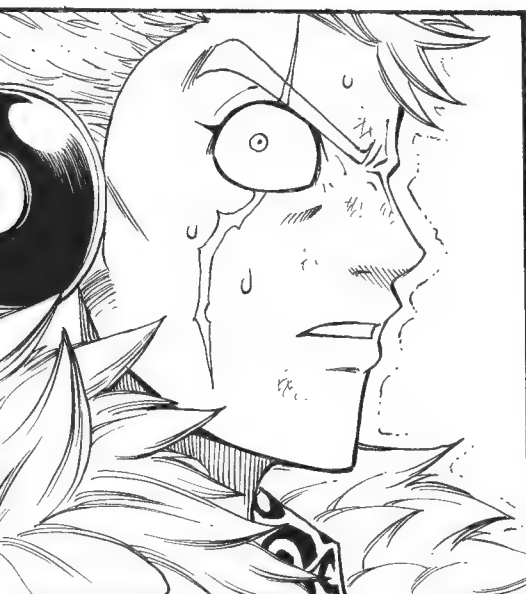
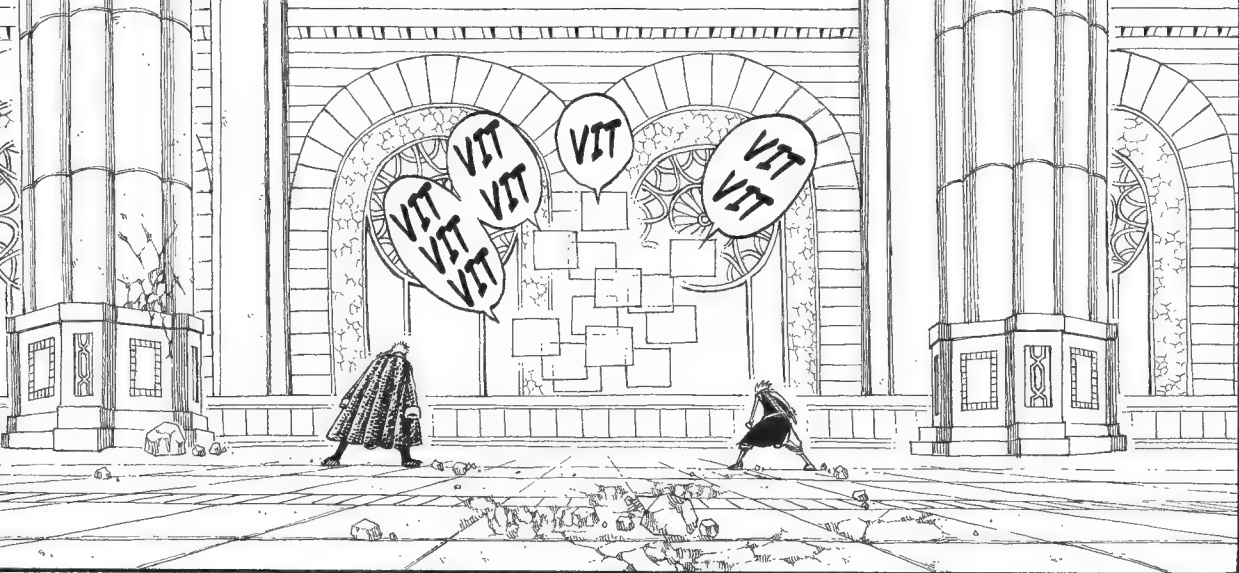
Ah ha ha ha...
You said it...

Alzack,
are you
okay...?

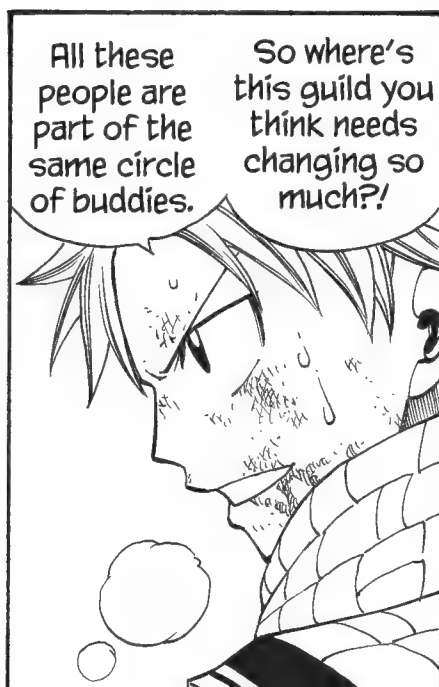
Droy...?
Y-Yeah.
Thanks.

It'd be even
better if Laxus
wasn't in his
rebellious
phase...

Heh heh...
We really do
have...a hell of
a guild...



So how's a guy who doesn't show any interest in that circle supposed to become Master?



All these people are part of the same circle of buddies.

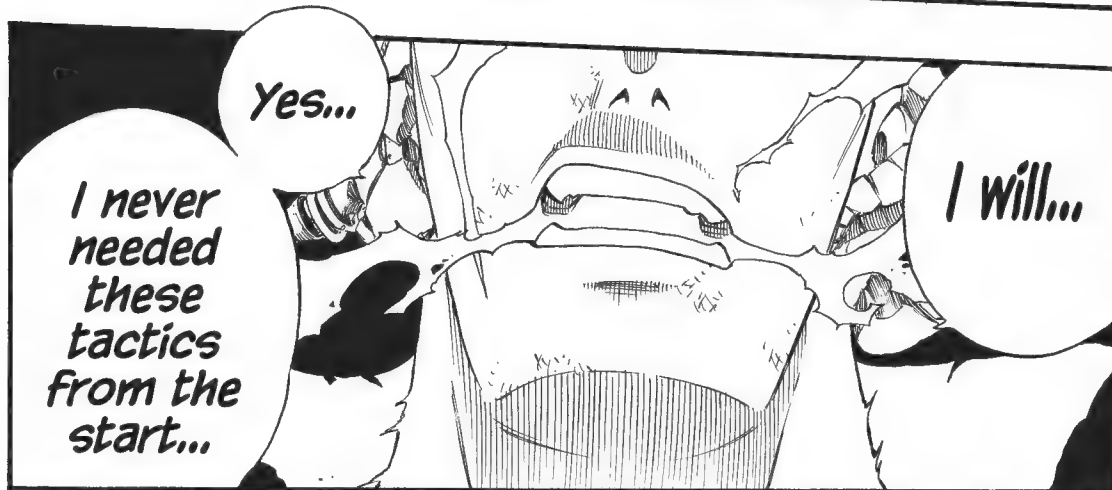
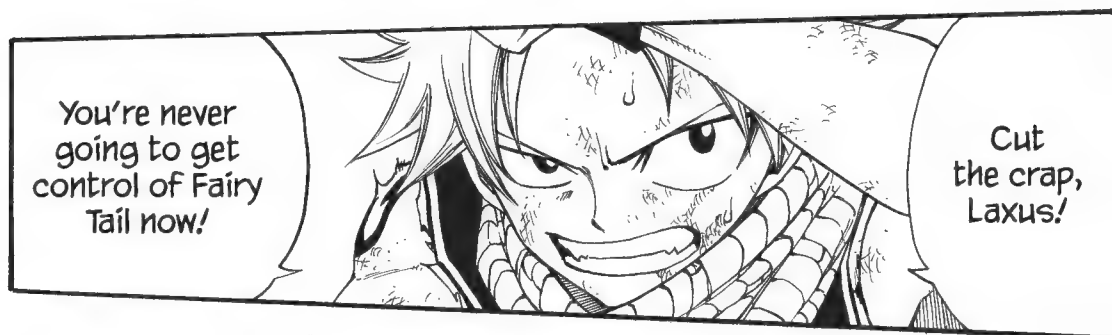
So where's this guild you think needs changing so much?!



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 123: Double Dragon





A black and white manga panel showing a character being crushed by a giant hand. The character is lying on their back, and the hand is pressing down on them. The sound effect 'DOO OOM' is written above the character. The hand is part of a larger figure whose face is partially visible on the right side of the panel.

*I should
have just
trusted
everything
to my
power!!!!*

*Unstoppable
power is my
very identity,
you know!!*

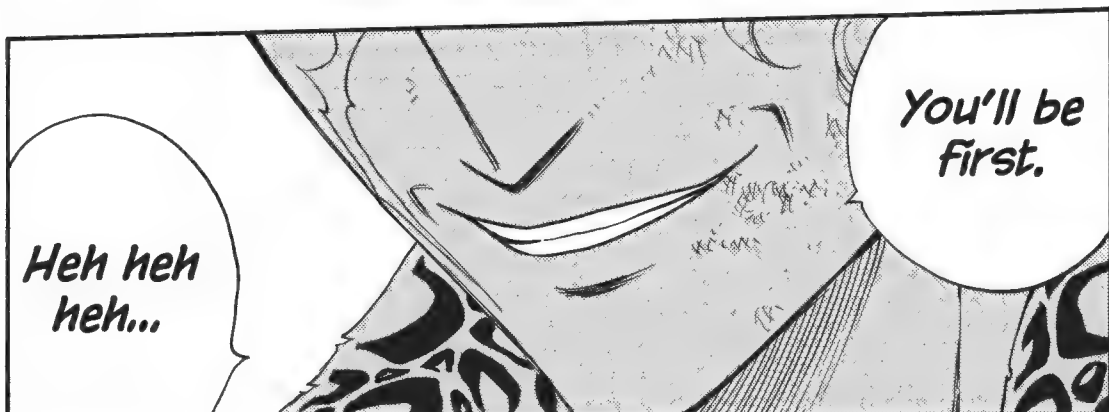
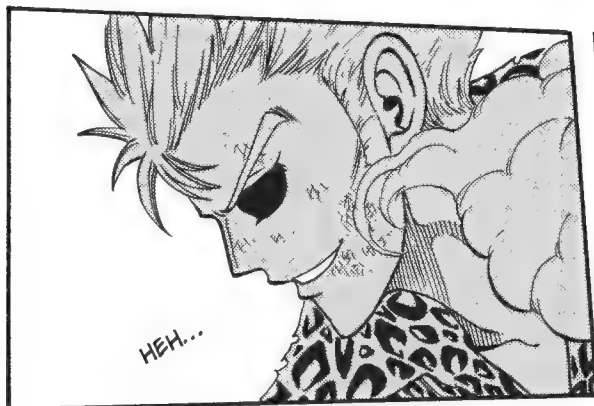
*...you can
finally give
up, right,
Lexus?!!!*

*So when
I break
that power
down...*

オオオオ



*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist





Come
and get
me, Fairy
Tail!!!!

And
when I
win, I'll
do with
you as I
like!!!

GYAAA

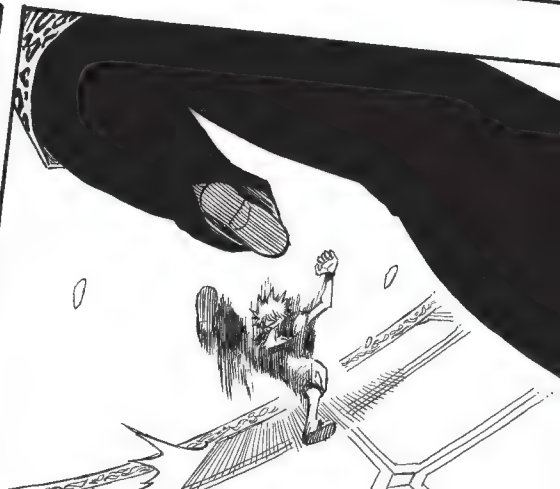
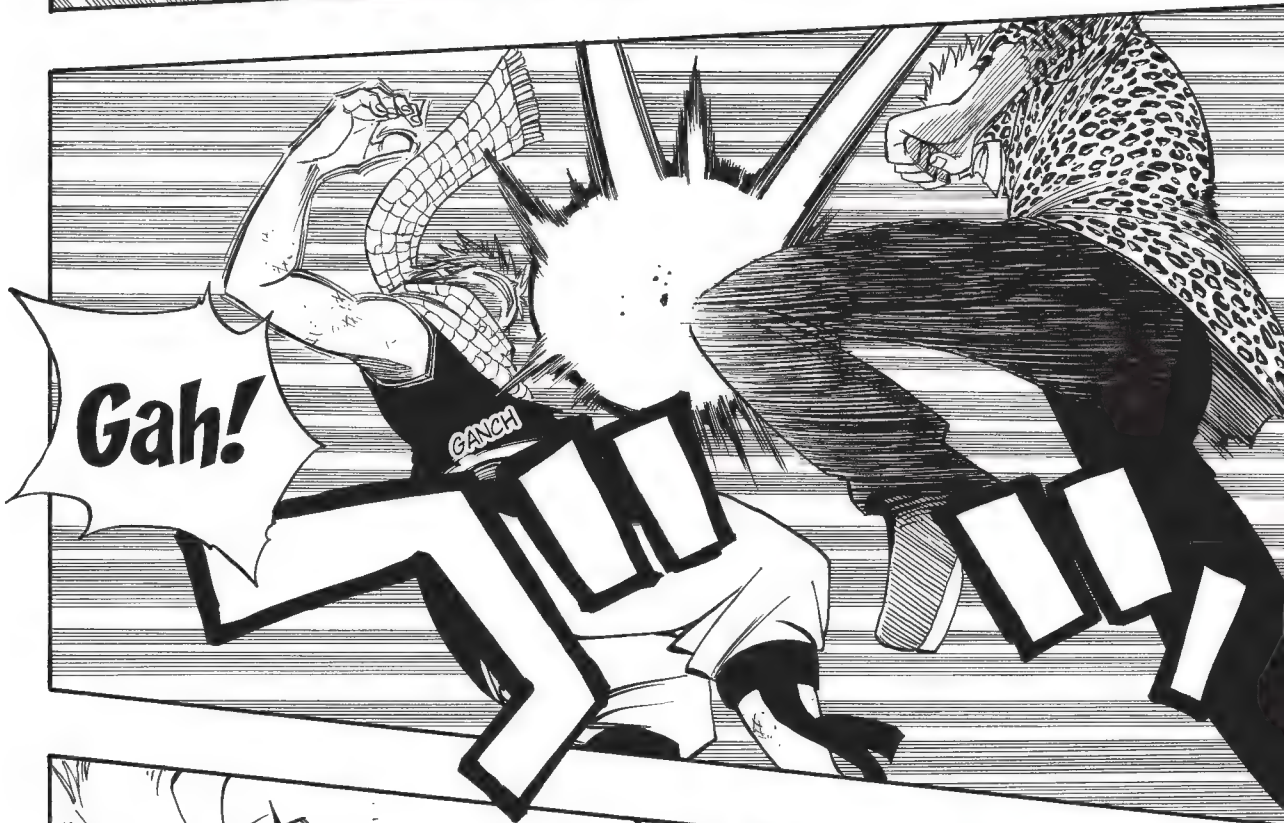


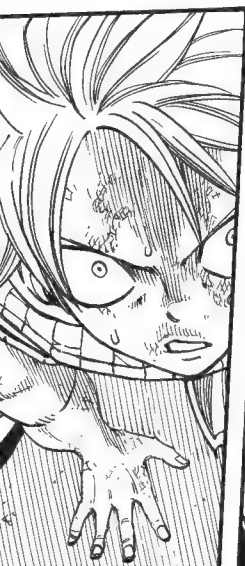
ZUGYUUUUU

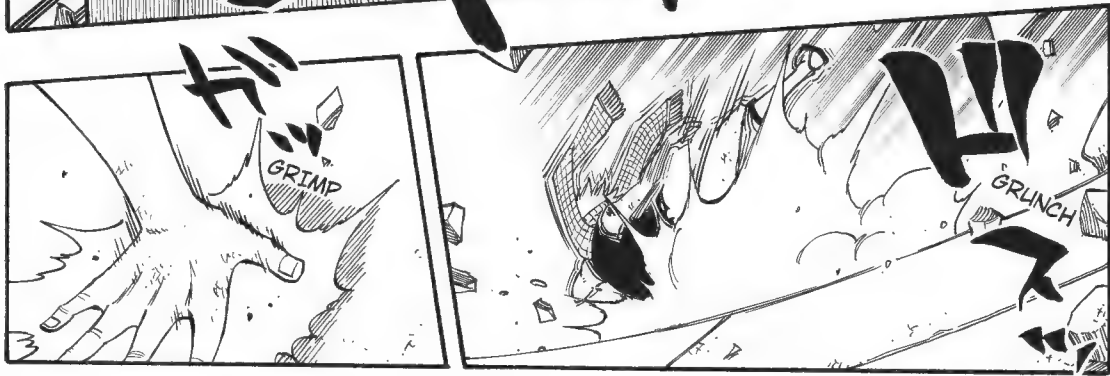
AAAAAAA!



GUW-
AAH!





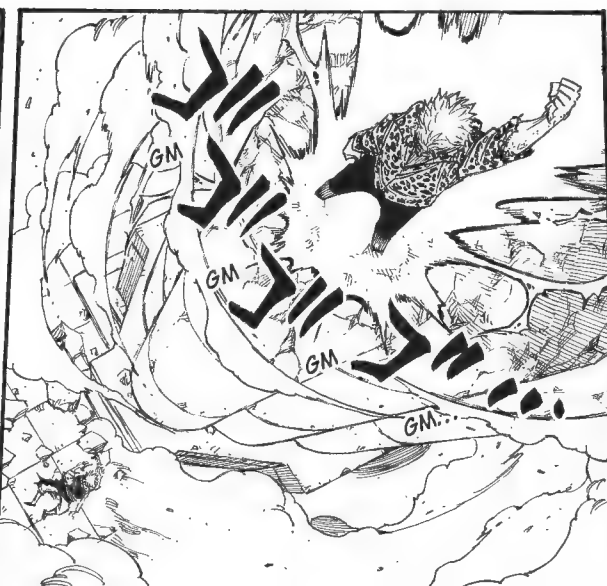




That roar
you hear is
the call of
lightning to
the Earth...

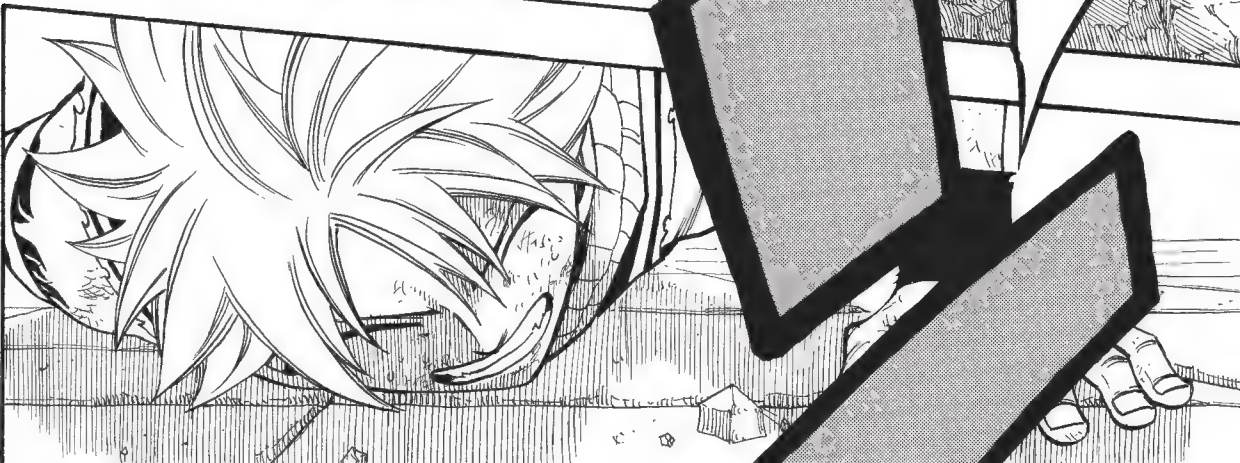


It will fall
from the
heavens and
turn all to
ashes...

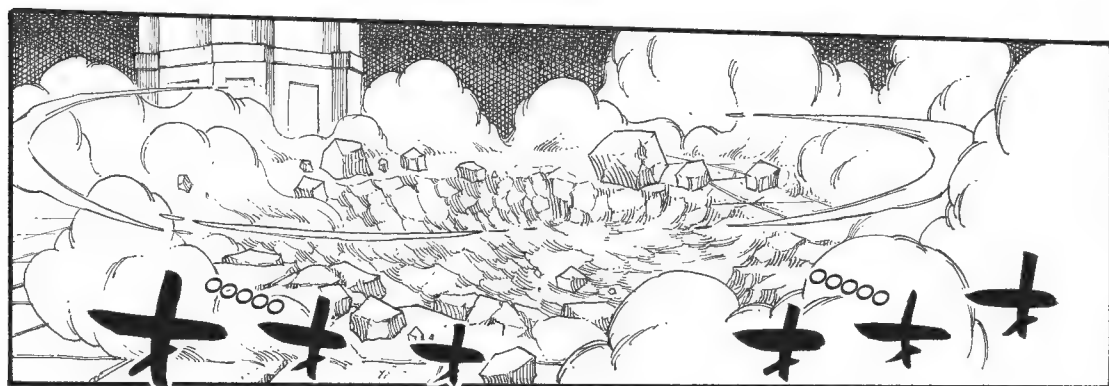


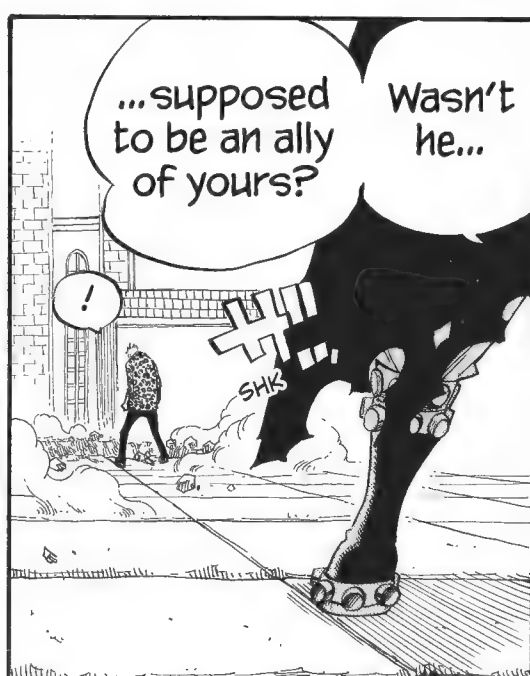


**Raging
Bolt!!!!**









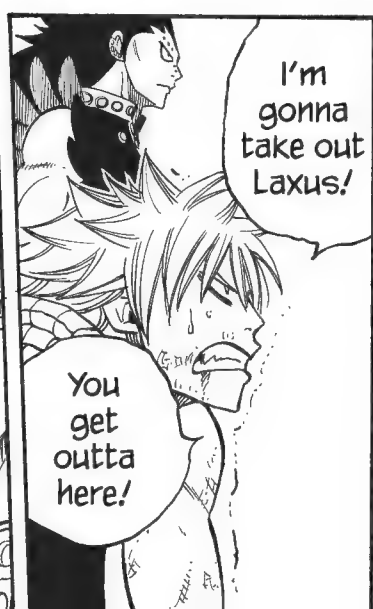
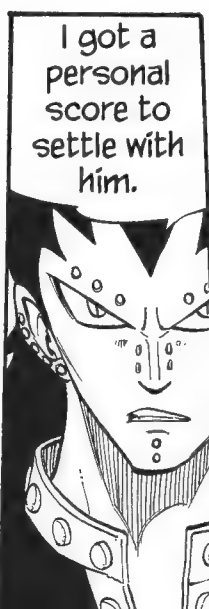
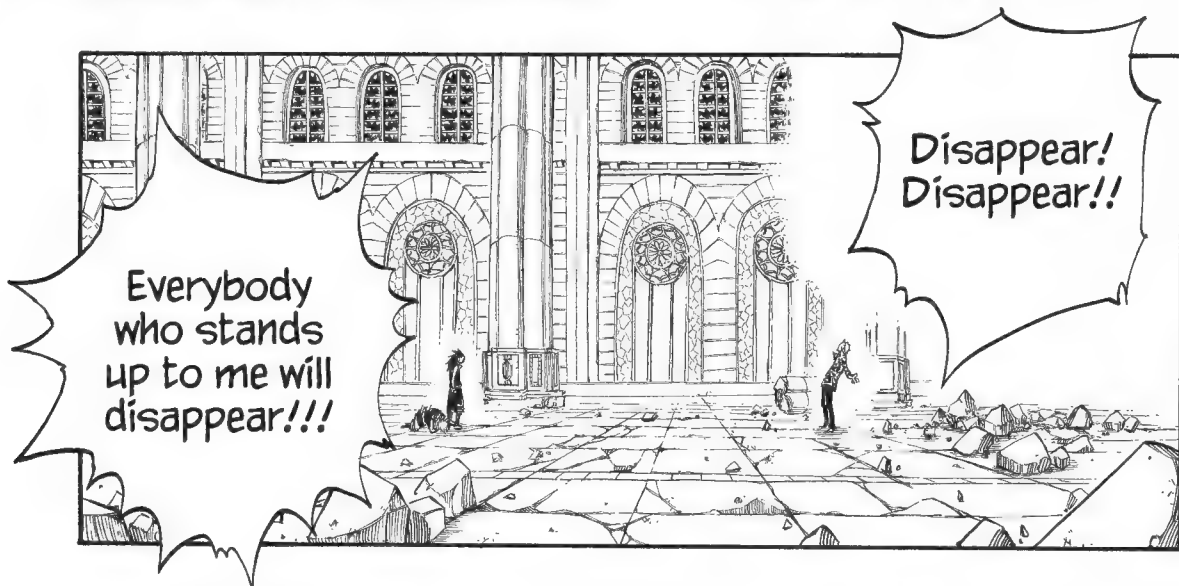
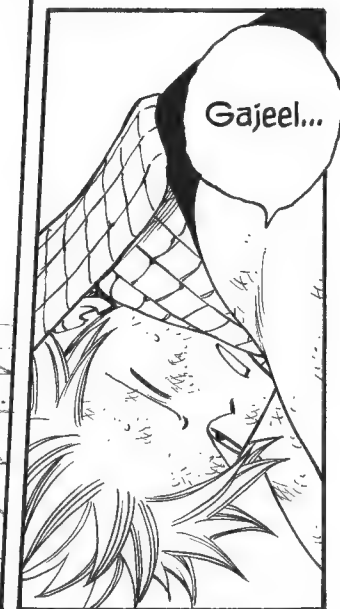
Well... It's true that he ain't blown to dust yet.

That's cause blowing him away is *my* job.

DOO

OOM





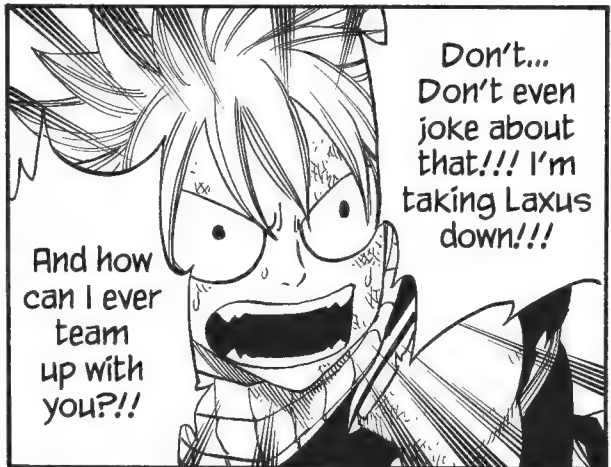


!!!

We gotta
team up
on him.



Open your
eyes! Is
that the
Lexus you
know?!



Don't...
Don't even
joke about
that!!! I'm
taking Lexus
down!!!

And how
can I ever
team
up with
you?!!



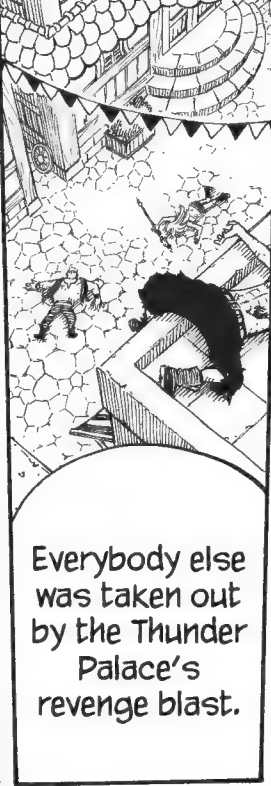
Ha ha
ha...

Disap-
pear...

Disap-
pear...



Do you got any idea what'll happen if we *don't* stop him here?!



Everybody else was taken out by the Thunder Palace's revenge blast.



He's the enemy of the whole guild!!!! The only way to protect the guild is to stop him for good!!!!



What's it to anybody if I wanna protect it or destroy it?!

Wait? You wanna protect the guild?



It'll only ever happen this once!

You bet your butt!! I got a battle to fight with you later!!

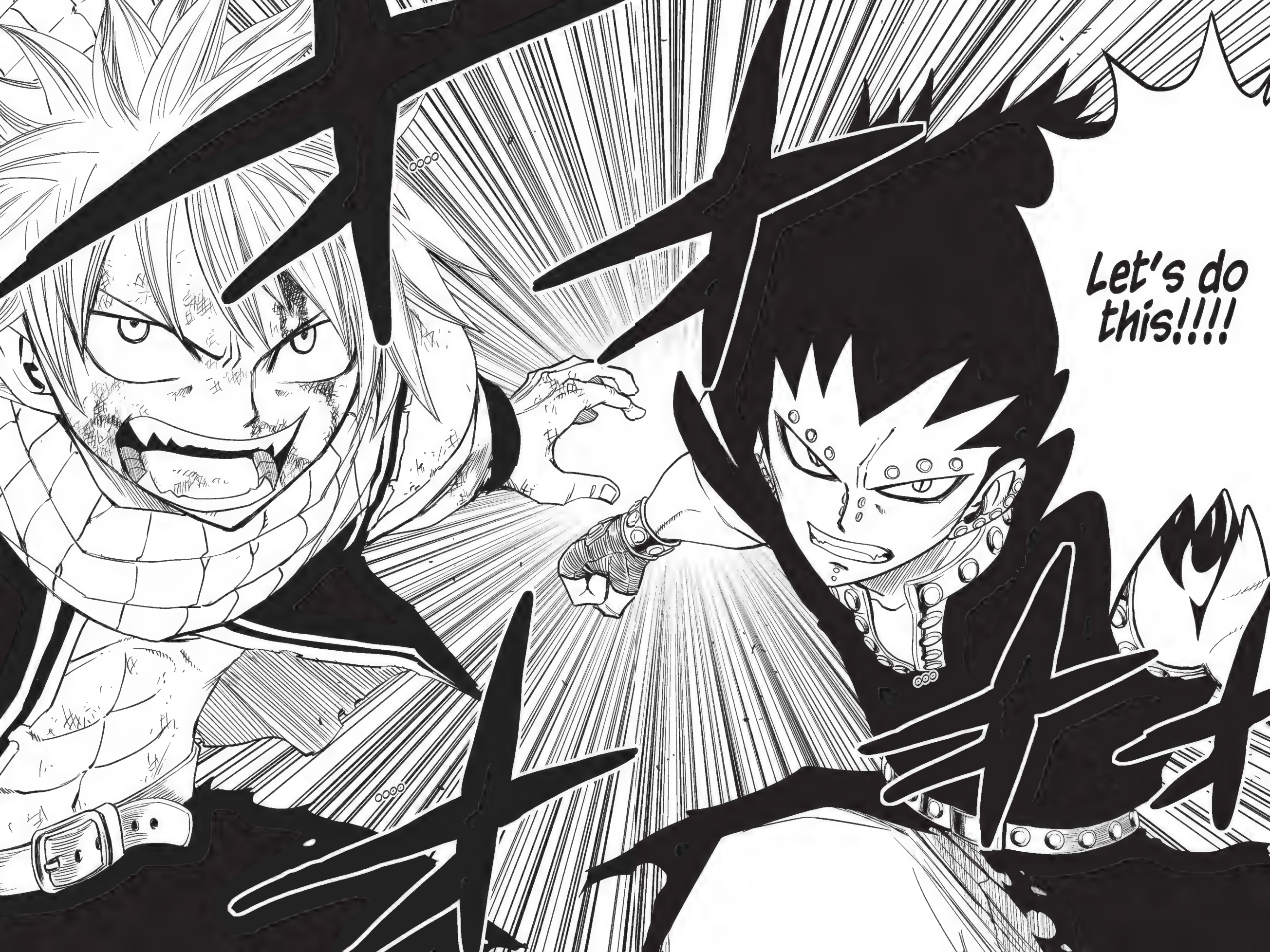


There ain't.

But with all the damn lightning, I can't fly through the sky like I want.



I thought there wasn't room in the sky for two dragons.

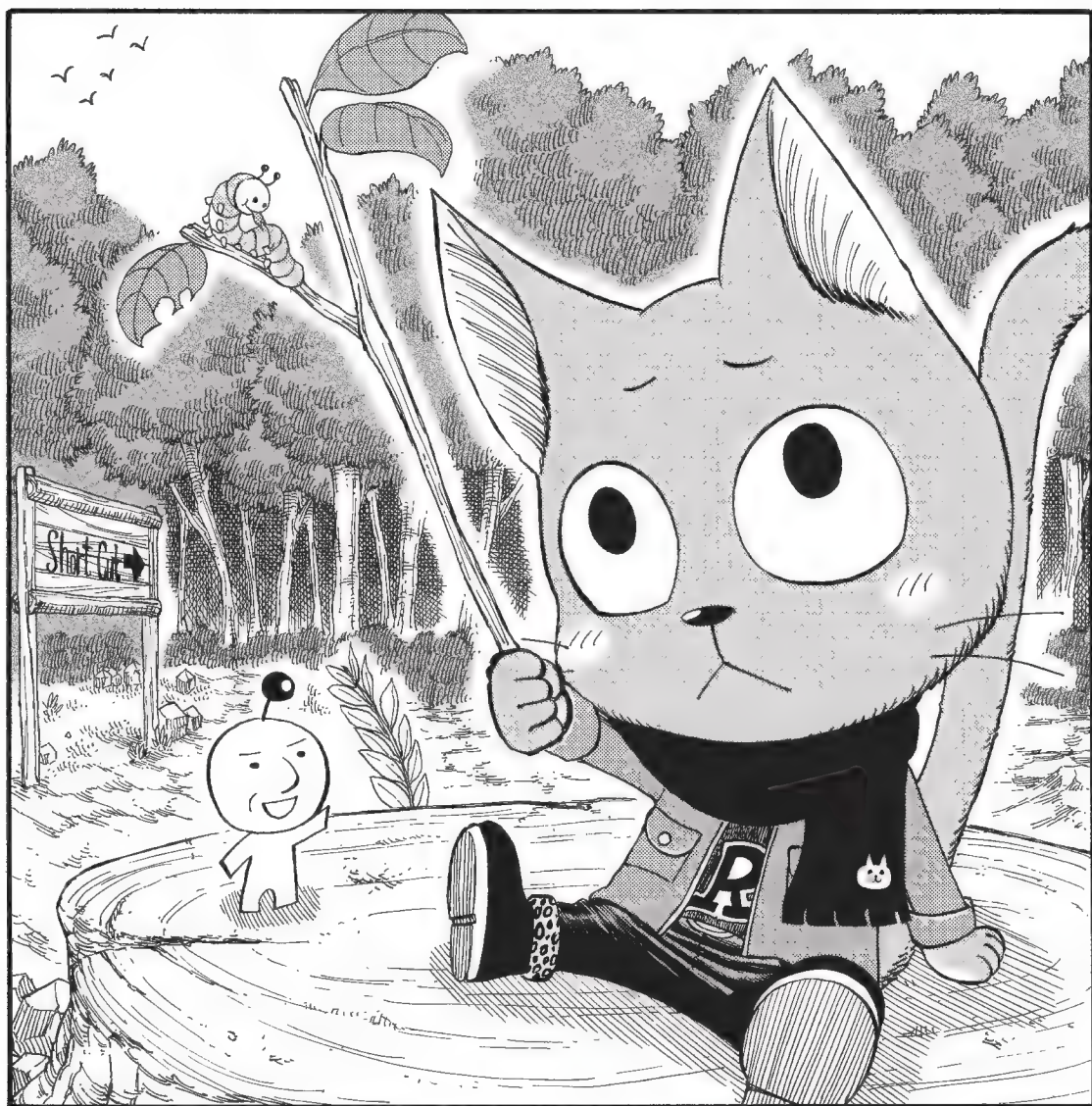


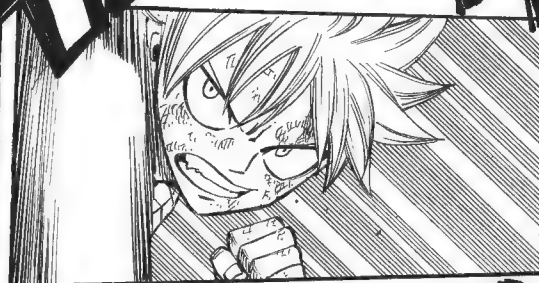
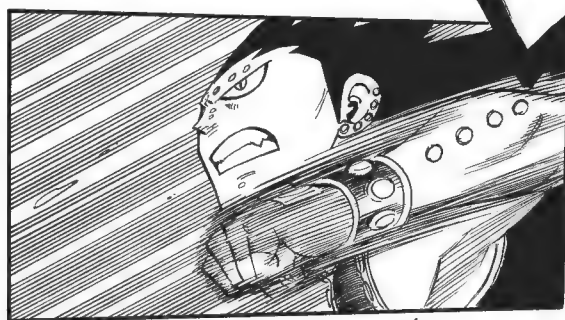
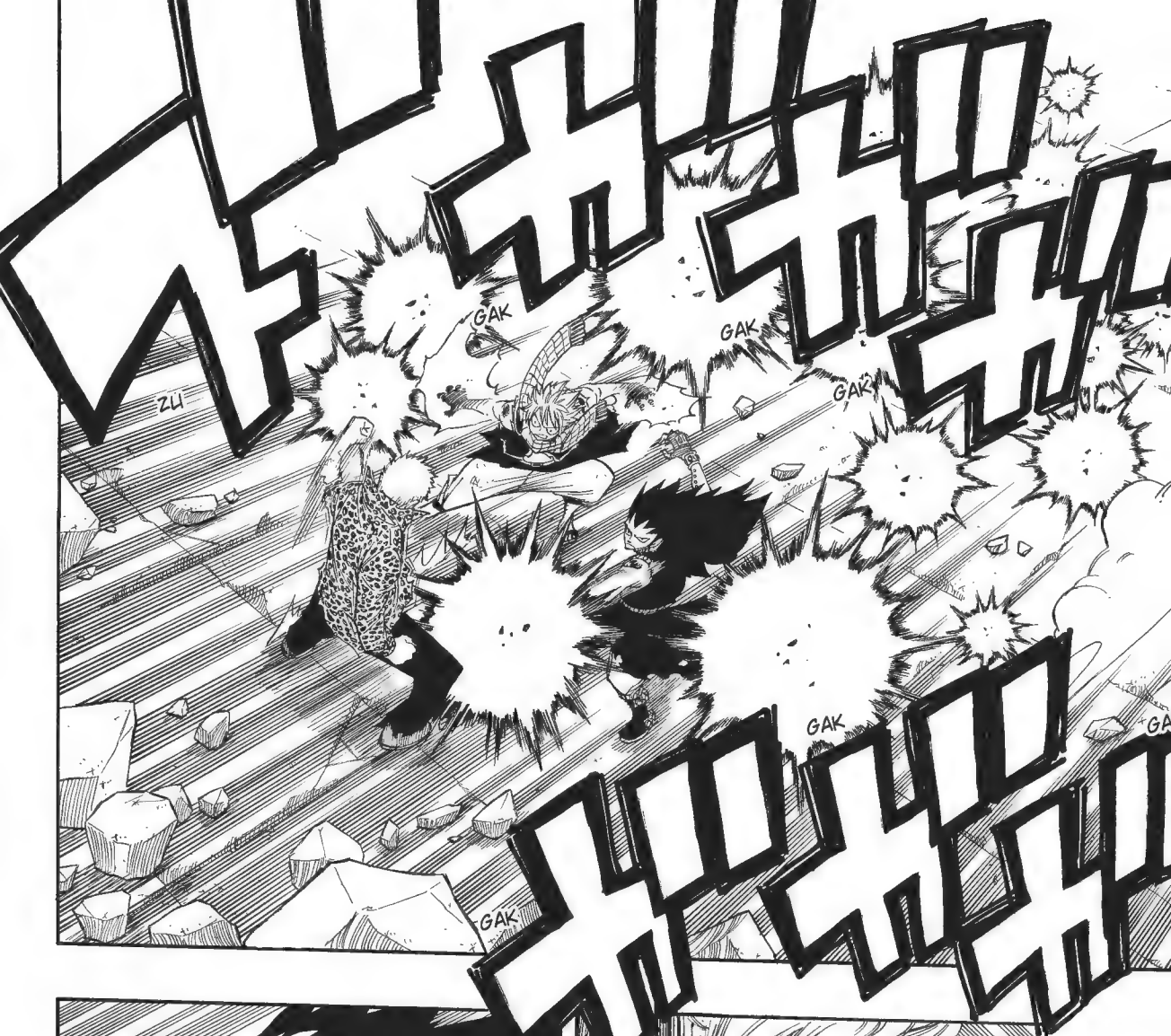
Let's do
this!!!

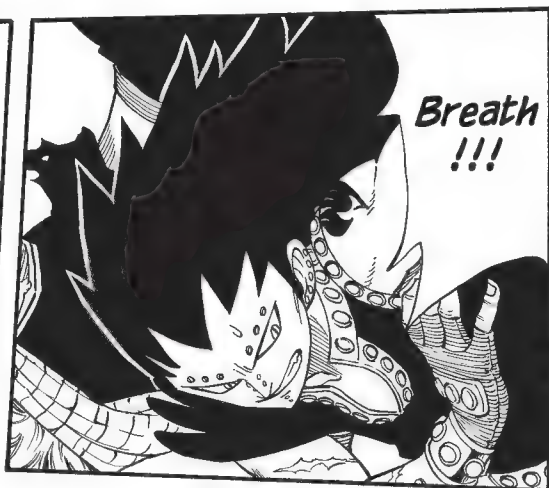
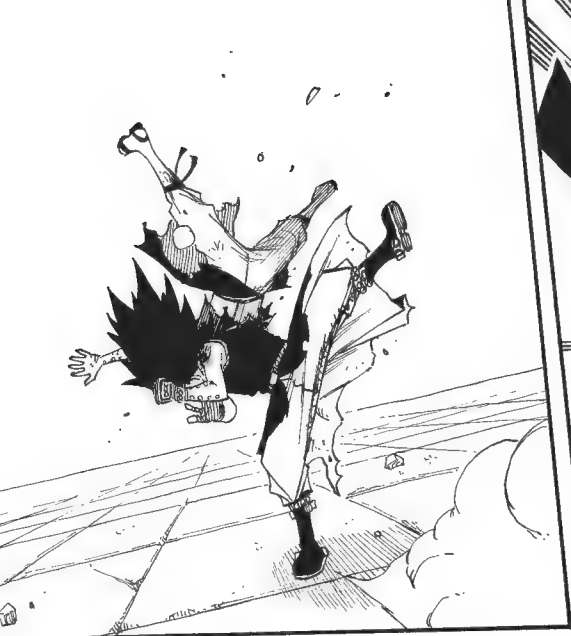


FAIRY TAIL

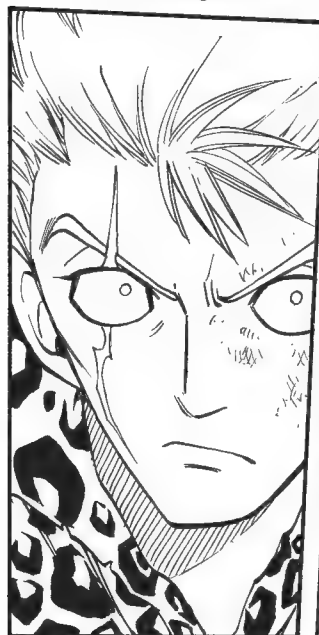
Chapter 124: Triple Dragon







*Fire Dragon's...





*Iron Dragon Club!!!!

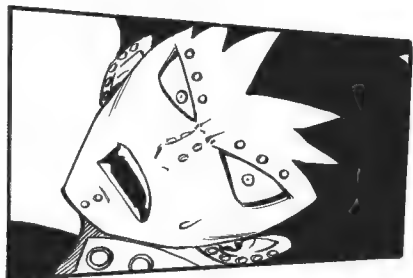


*Iron Dragon Sword



BWOOON

Tetsuryû-ken*!!!!





*Fire Dragon's...





...Kôen*!!!!

*Gleaming Flame!!!!



*Iron Dragon Lance...

Tetsuryû-sô*...



AAAAA



...Kishin*!!!!

*Demon Logs!!!!



Karyû
no*...



*Fire Dragon's...



*Iron Dragon's...



Tetsuryû
no*...



...Hôkô*
!!!!

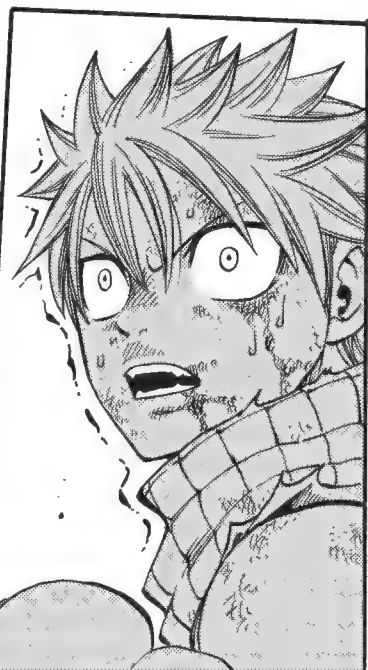
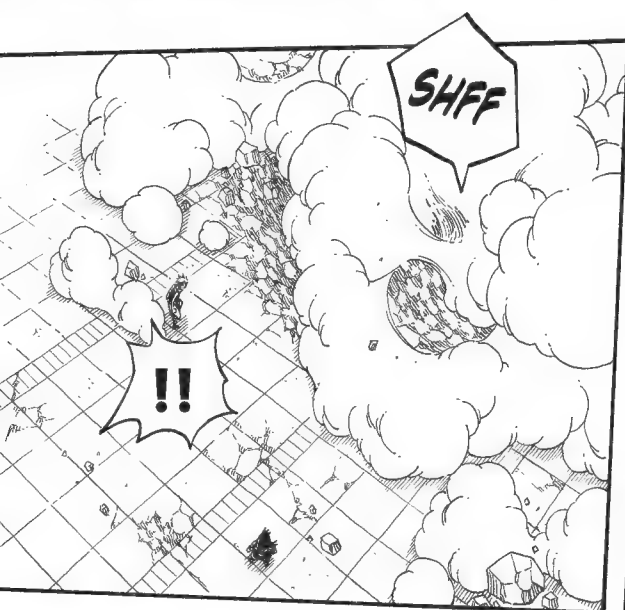
*Roar!!!!



GWOOOOON



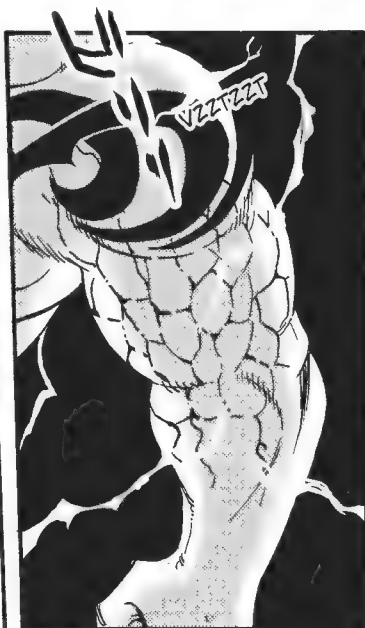








*Lightning Dragon's...





Lexus!!!!

**You were
a dragon
slayer
too?!!!**

***Roar!!!!**



**Hôkô*
!!!!**

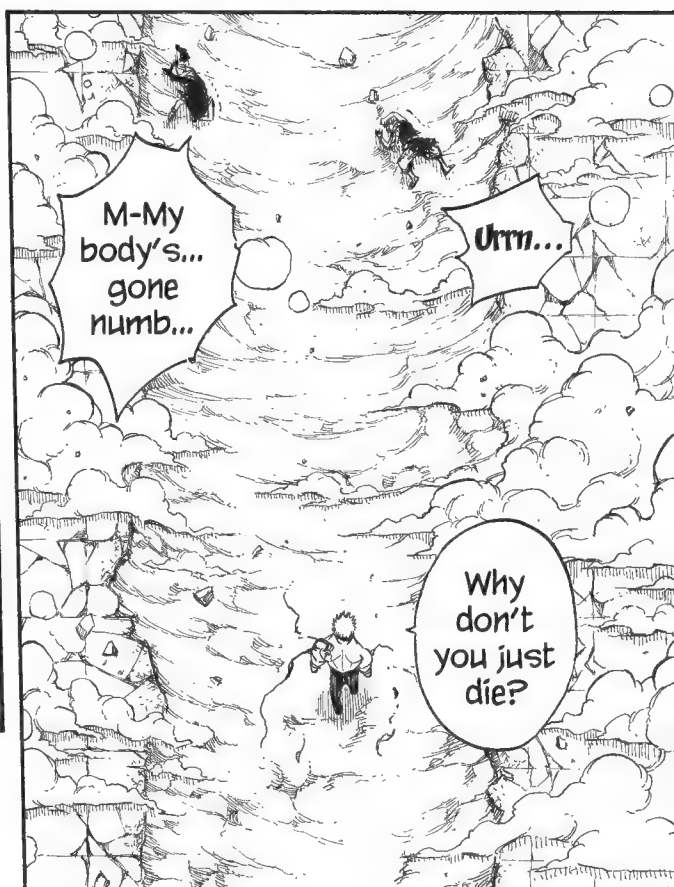
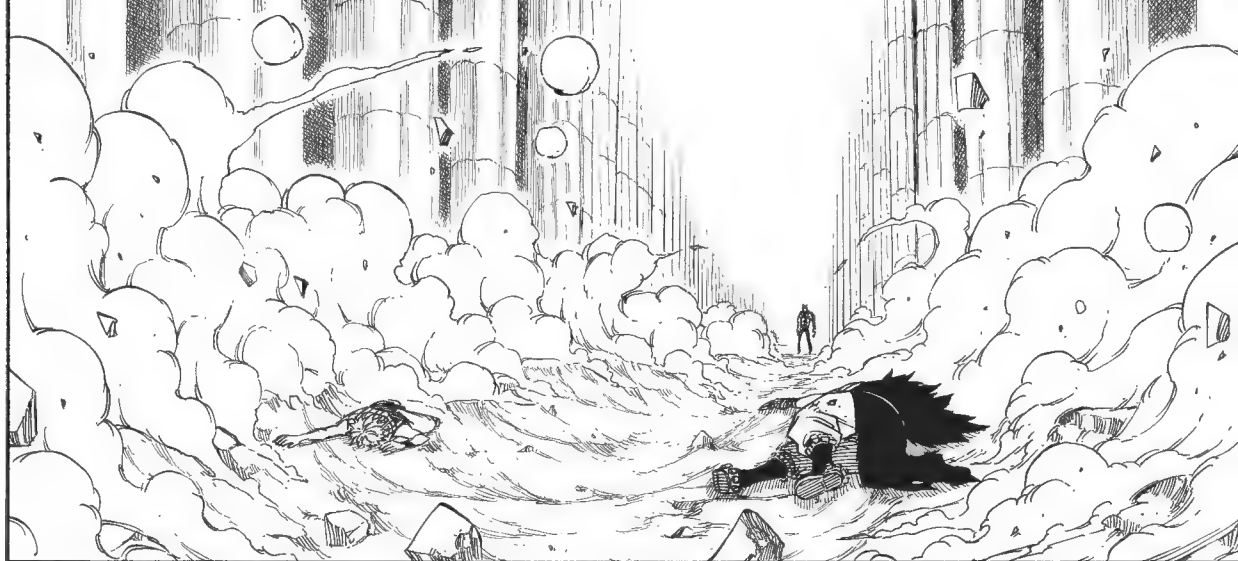
VXXCXXCXXCXX

Gwaaa-
aaahh
!!!!

DOGOOOM
f

Aaa-
arrg
!!!!







... should just
be wiped out of
existence!!!!



It's
the
old
man's...

I know
this
feel-
ing...



What
is...this
ridiculous
amount...
of magic
power...?

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

Master
Makarov's
ultimate
judgment day
magic...

It targets
everything
the caster
looks on as
an enemy.

*Fairy
Law!!!!*



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 125: Face of a Devil, Heart of an Angel







Ooooo
!!!!

Laxus
!!!

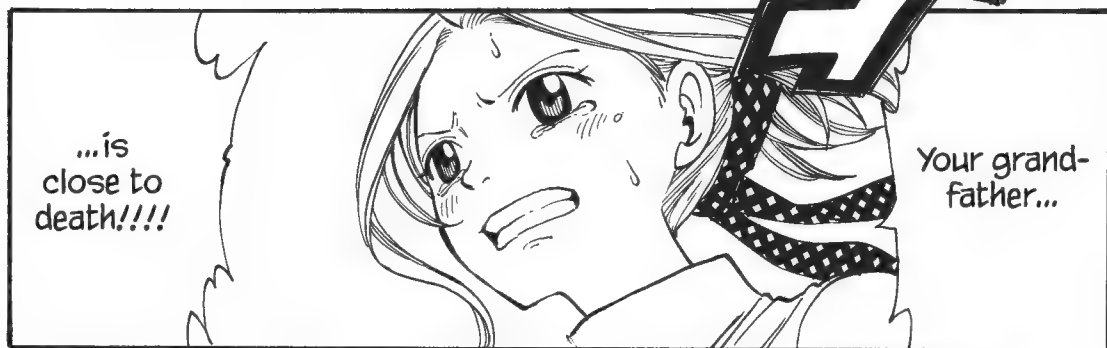
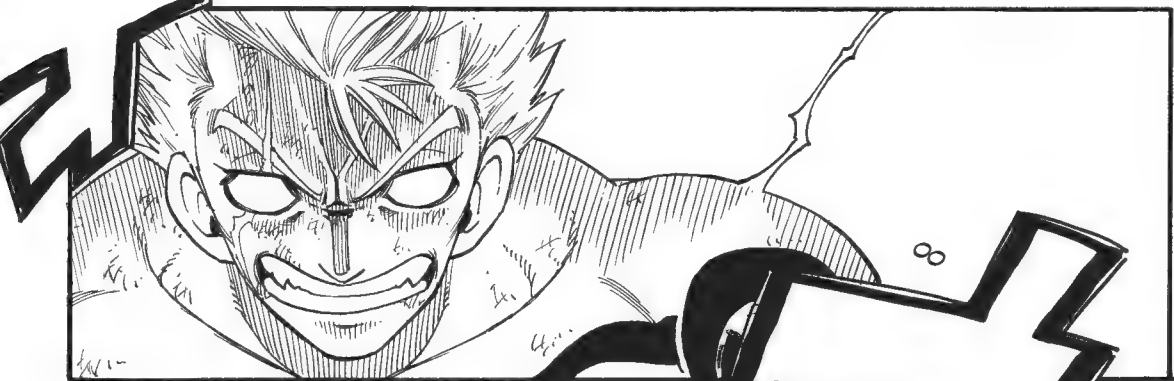


Stop it,
Laxus!!!!



Idiot...
What are
you here
for...?!

Levy!!!





Go and
see the
Master!!!!

So
please!!!

Don't do
this any-
more!!!!



C...
"Close to
death"...?

The
old
man's
gonna...



Lexus
!!!!

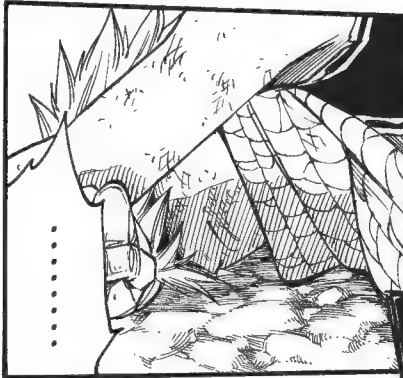


...die...?!

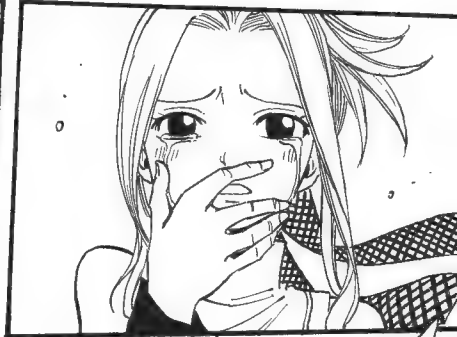


Perfect timing, huh?

That means my chances of being the next master are born again!



Bastard...



Good riddance, Fairy Tail!!!!

Hya ha ha ha ha!!!!

One that
can't lose!!!
One that'll
make
everybody
shudder in
fear!!!

I'll start the
whole thing
over from
scratch!!!!

The world's
strongest
guild!!!!

...are you
so...

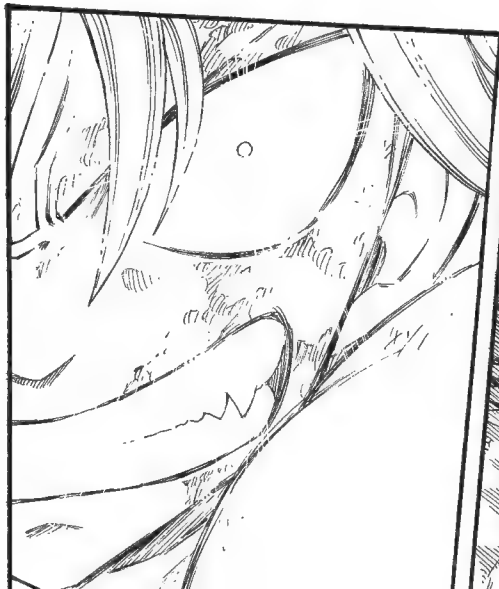
Why the
hell...

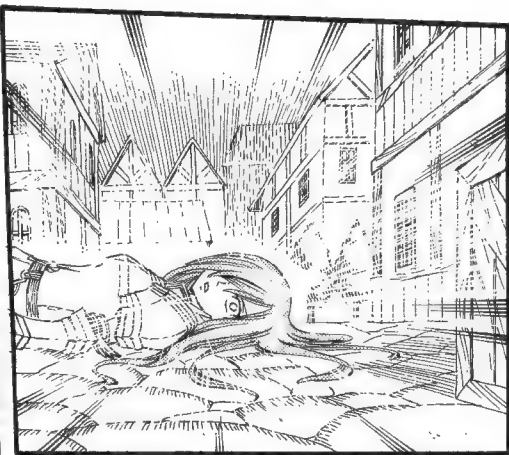
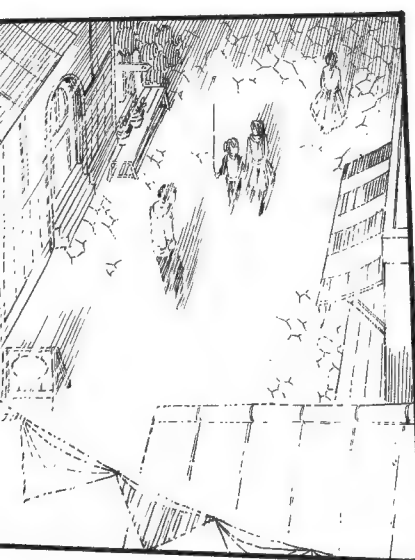
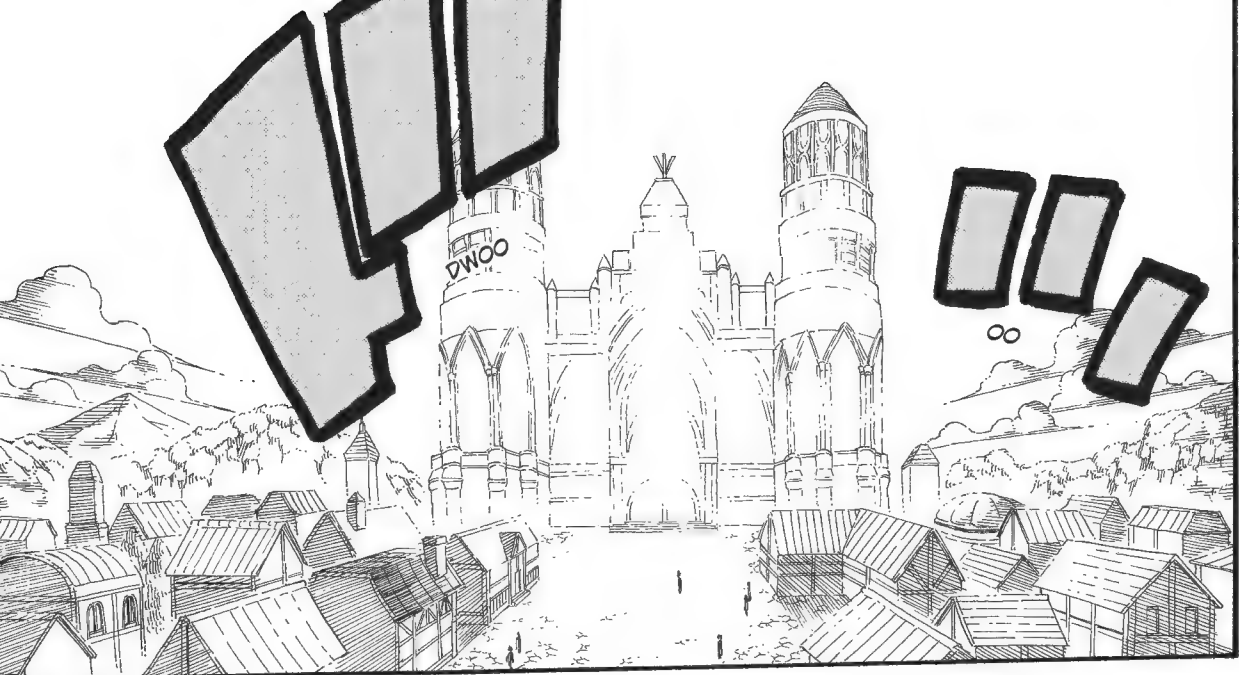
No!

SLUMP

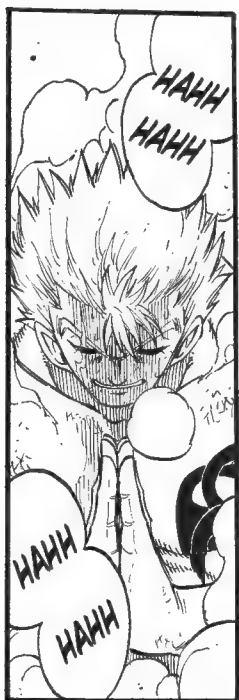
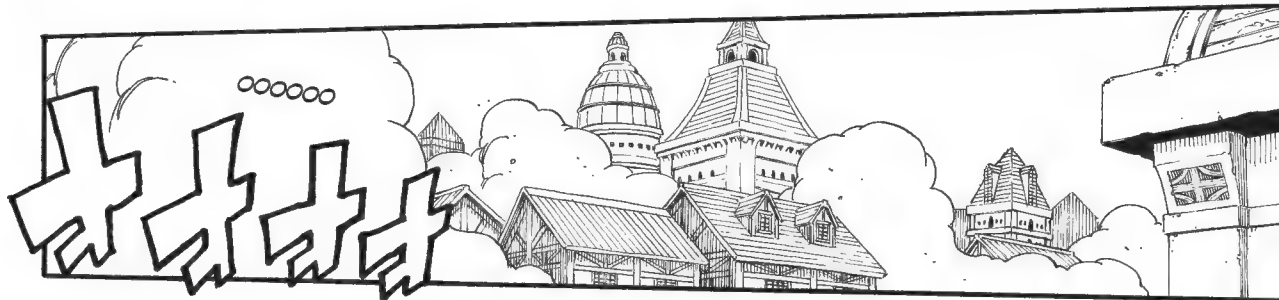
...is
invoked!!!!

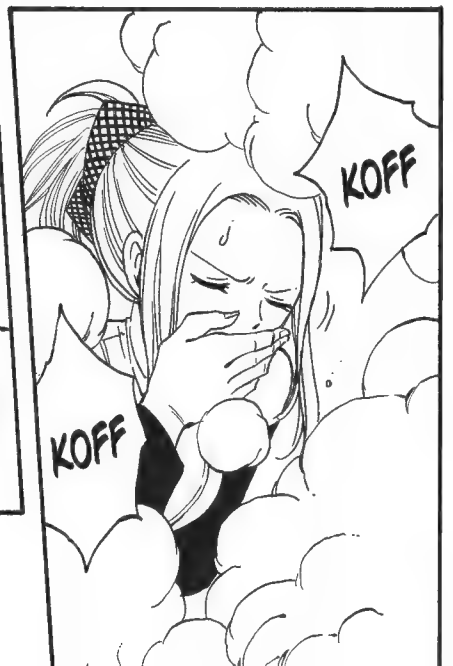
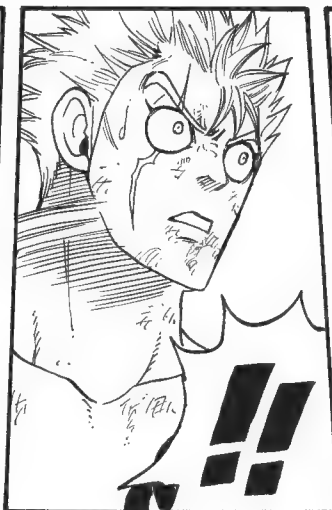
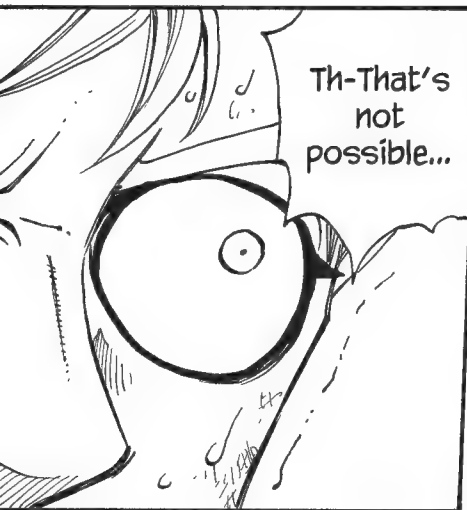
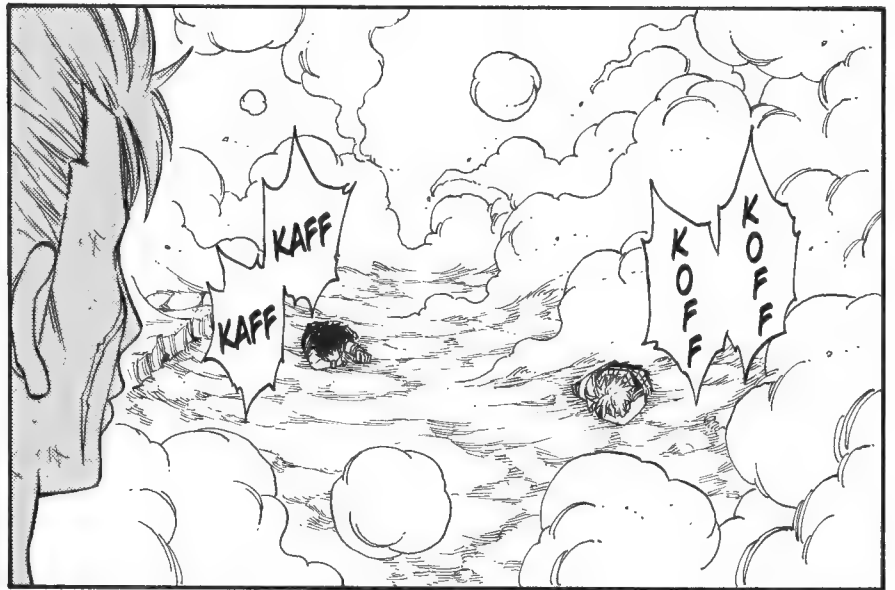
Fairy
Law...











Why ain't
anybody
dead?!!!

Why?!!!



He
seems
okay.

How's
Natsu?

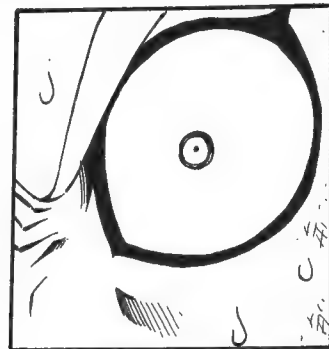
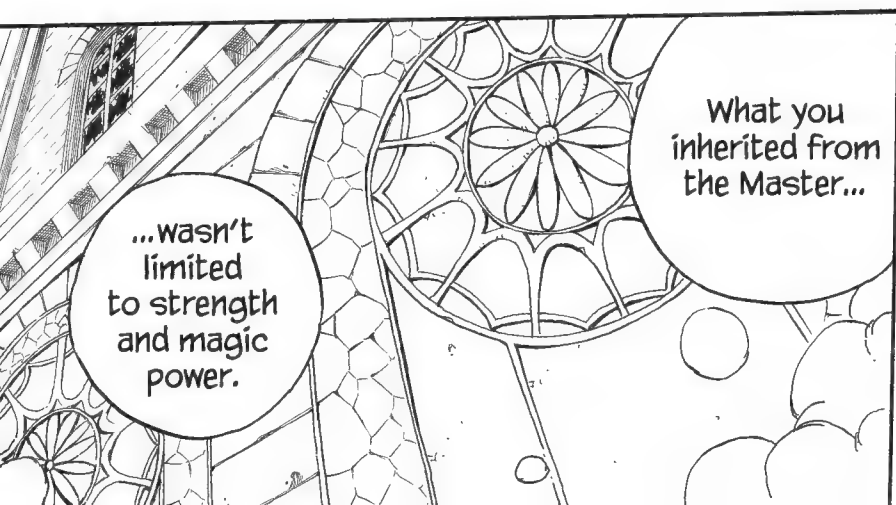
Yeah...
I'm fine.

Hey, you...
You okay?



They had that
much magic
forced down
their throats!
No way they
could still be
all right!!!

What the
hell's
going
on?!





*...but also
a heart that
holds his
comrades
dear.*

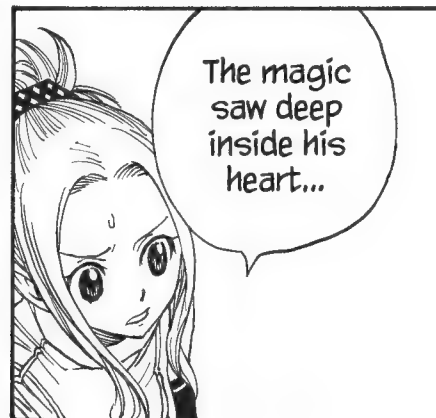


Do you
understand
what that
means,
Lexus?

Fairy law
affects
only the
people who
the caster
considers a
true enemy.



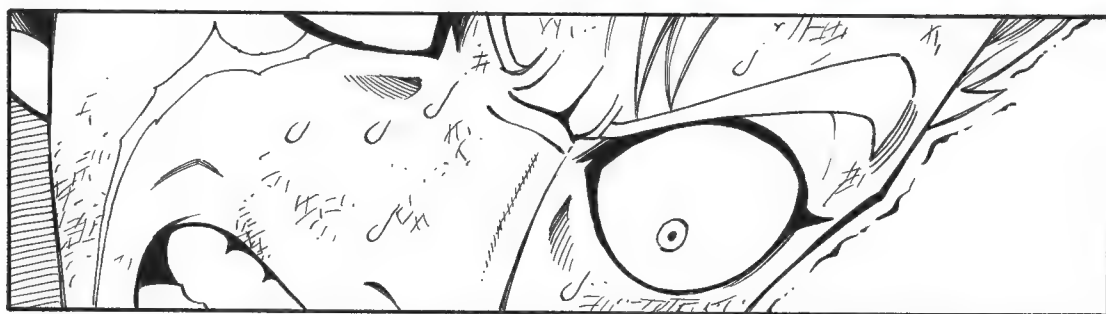
Magic
cannot lie,
Lexus.



The magic
saw deep
inside his
heart...



*It means that's
your true self.*



I don't give
a damn
about the old
man!!!!



Oh, stop
it, Laxus.

And go
see the
Master.



No!!!!

Anybody who
stands in my
way is my
enemy!!!
They're
all
enemies
!!!!

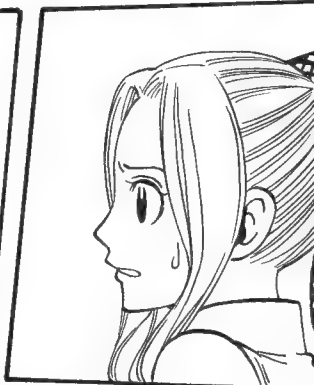


*I am
Lexus!!!!*

*I am
myself!!!!
I ain't the
old man's
grandson!!!
I'm
Lexus!!!!*



Yeah,
everybody
knows
that!



You think bein'
the old man's
grandson
makes you so
different?!
Makes you so
much better?!

30...
WOBBLE

Don't get
so puffed
up, you
ass!



GLARE



Don't go
struttin'
around
just
because
of some
stupid
blood
link!!!!


It's the
guild!!!!
That's our
family!!!!!!



I don't know!
Does that
mean we're
not on the
same side?!

BZZT BZZT

What
would
you
know
of it?!



*We don't
know!
That's why
we lend
each other
a hand,
right?!!!*

*Lexus
!!!!*

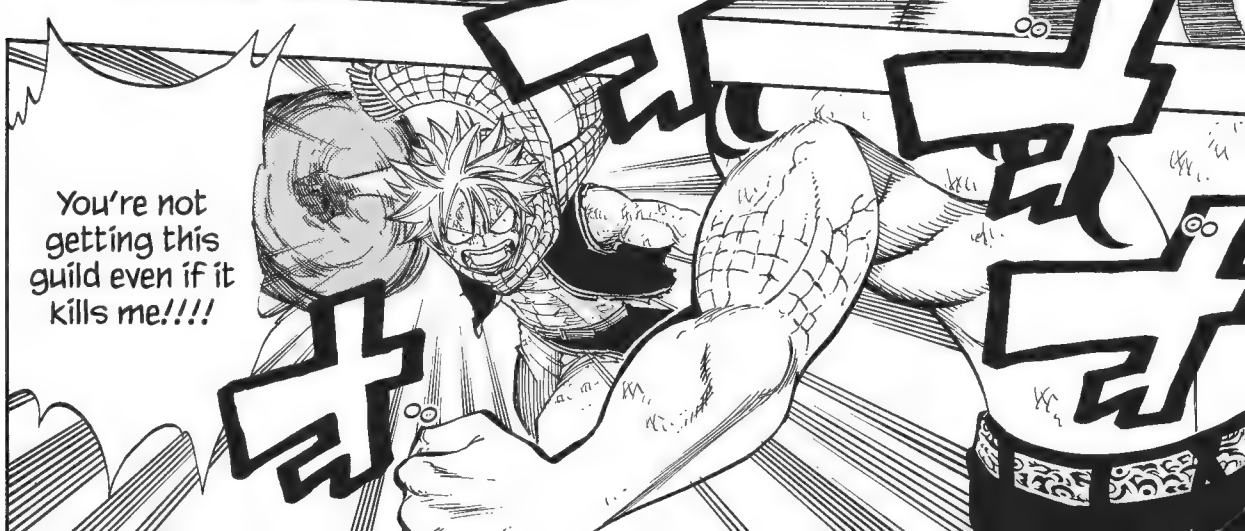
*N
a
t
s
u
u
u
u
!!!!*

*Shut
up!!!!*

FAIRYTAIL

Chapter 126: Stand Up!!!!







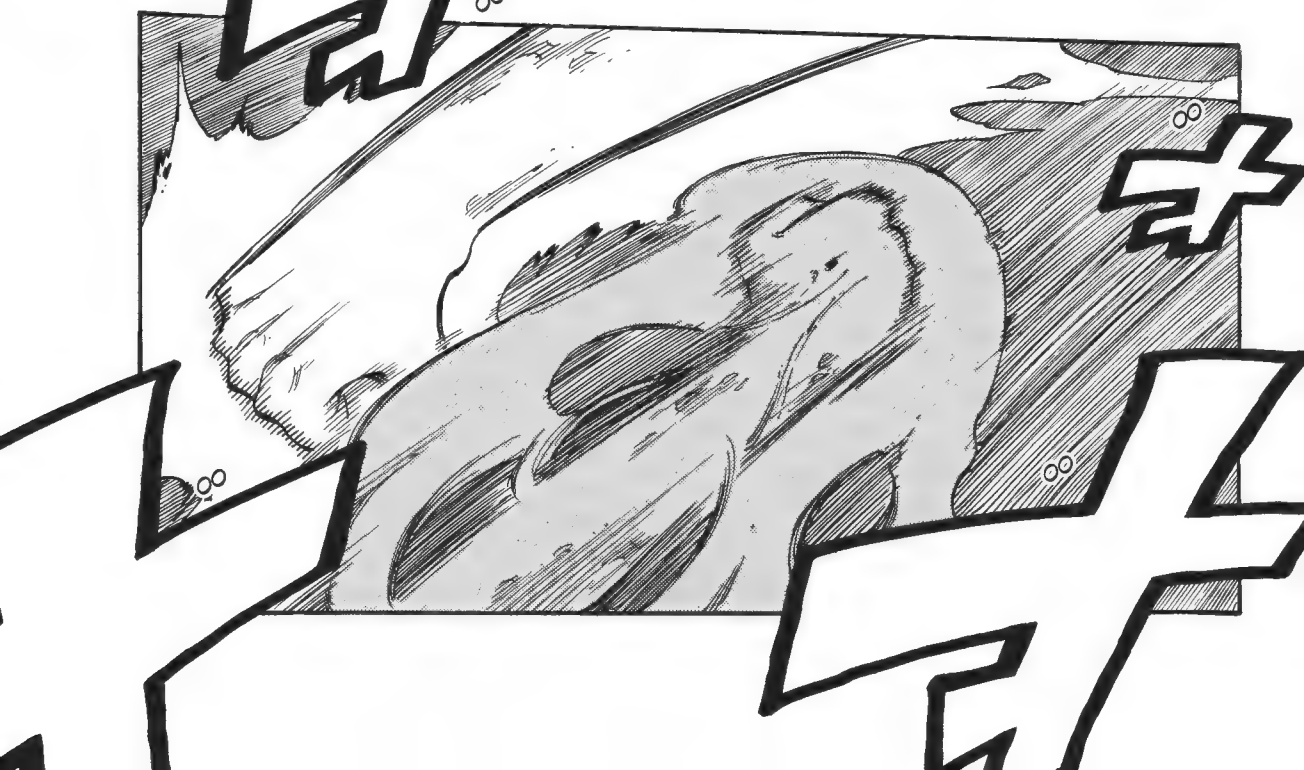
...that we
come home
to!!!!

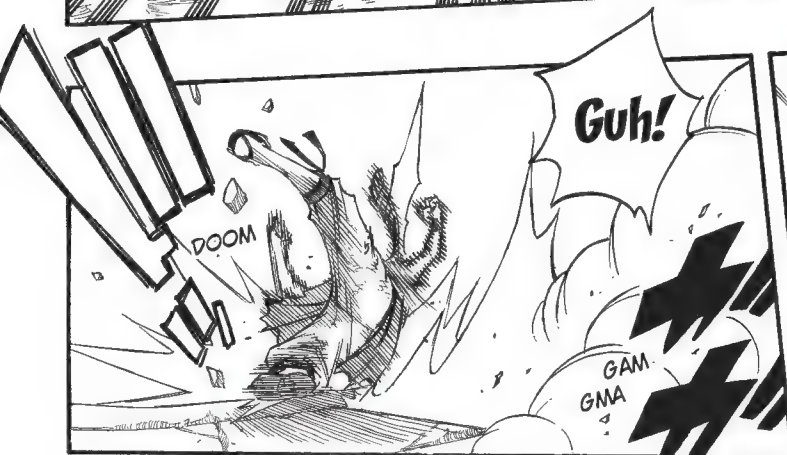


'Cause it's
the place...



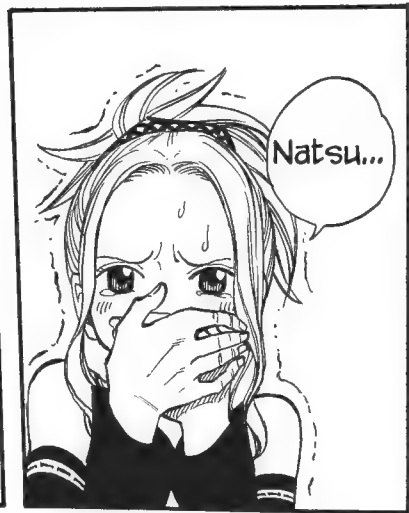
Hyaaaah
!!!





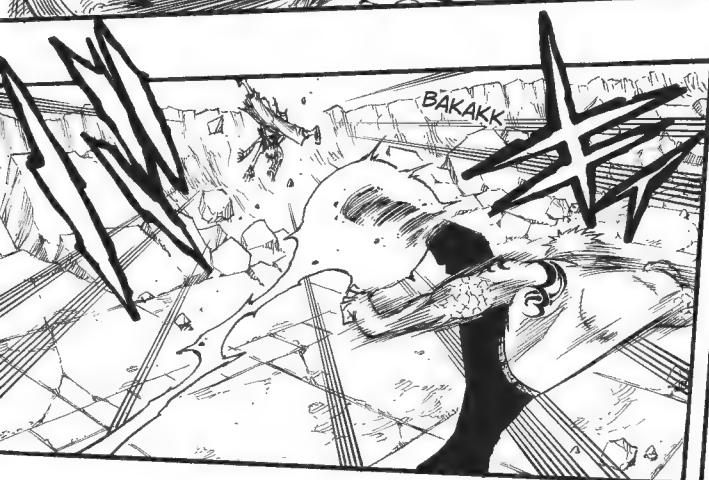


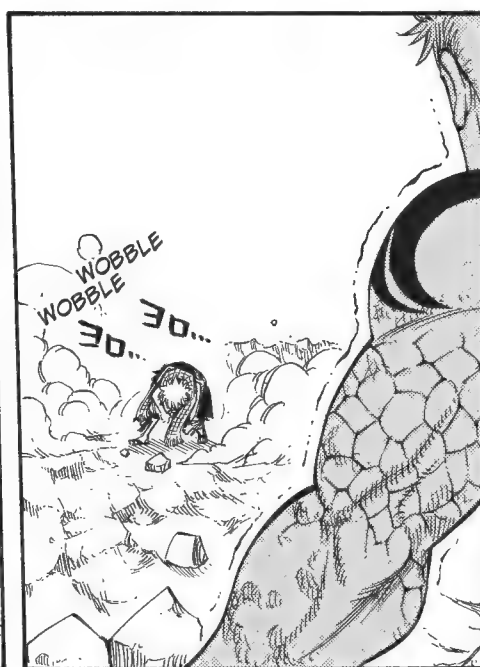
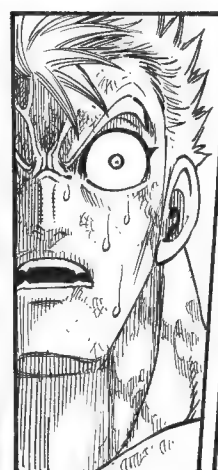
... even die
right?!!!

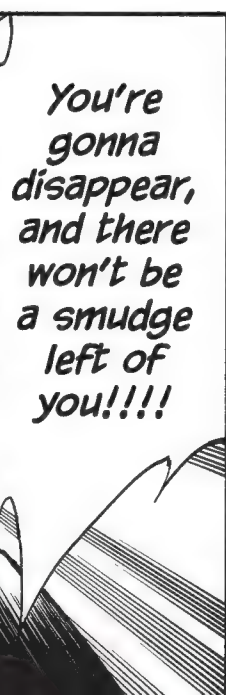
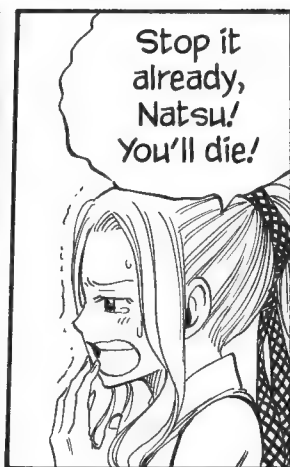




Shut
up!!!!









Rairyûhôtengeki*
!!!!

*Lightning Dragon Heavenly Spear

Are you
trying
to kill
him?!!!

Um...



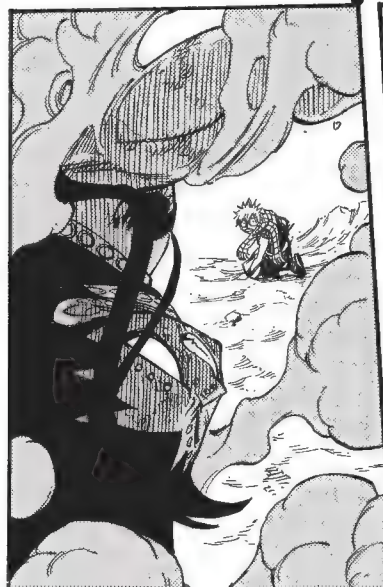
Dam-
mit...



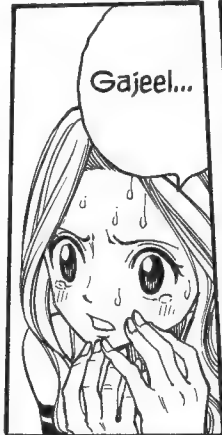




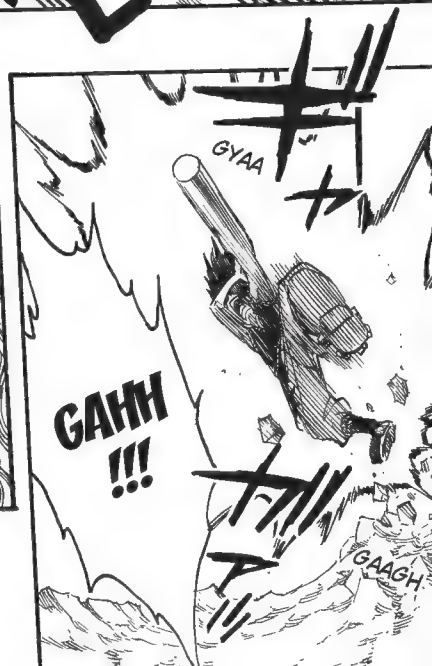
DOOOM



Iron...
He made
himself a
lightning
rod...?



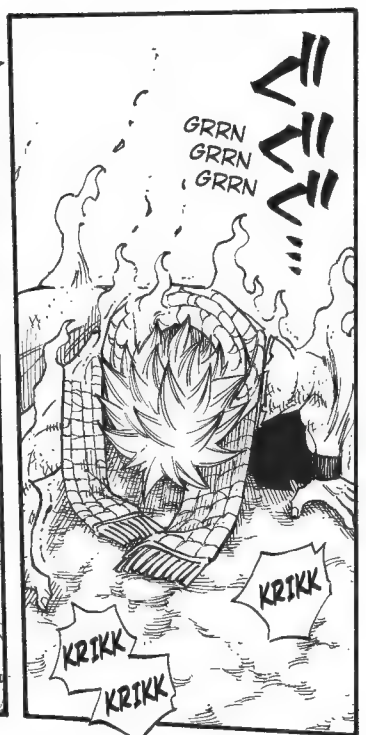
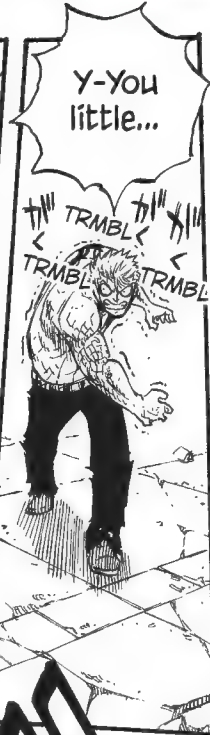
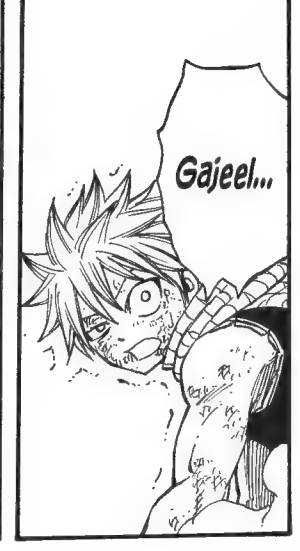
Gajeel...



GYAA

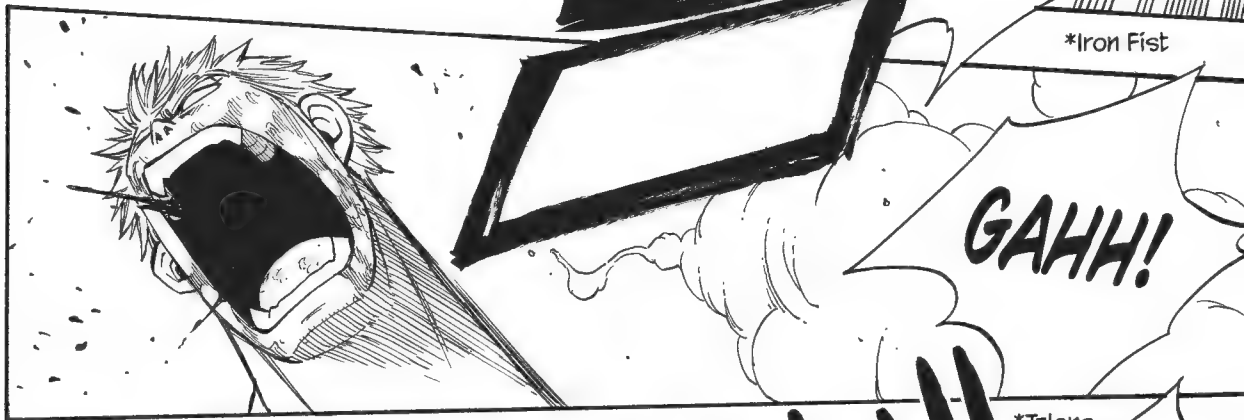
GAHH
!!!

GAAGH





Tekken!!!!*



*Iron Fist

GAHH!

*Wing Attack

*Talons



Yoku-geki!!!!*

Kagi-zume!!!!*

BAKIKK



Saiga!!!!!!*

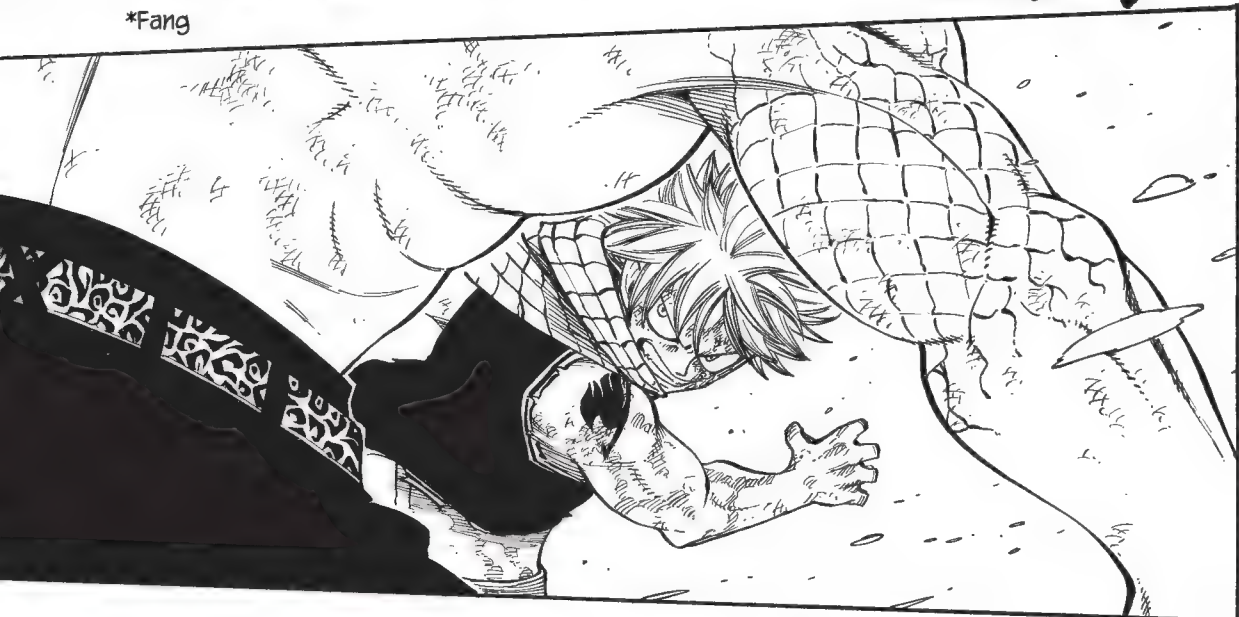
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Ken-kaku!!!!*

GASSH

*Sword Edge



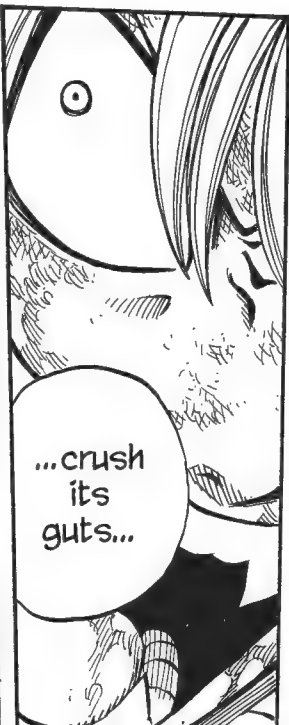
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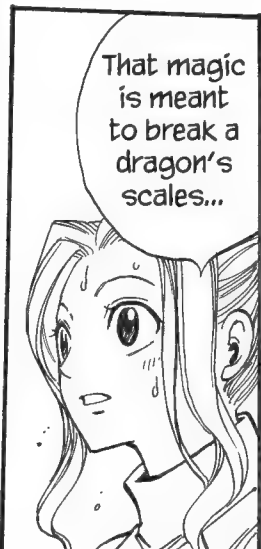
Secret techniques to take down a dragon...



...and kill its very soul...



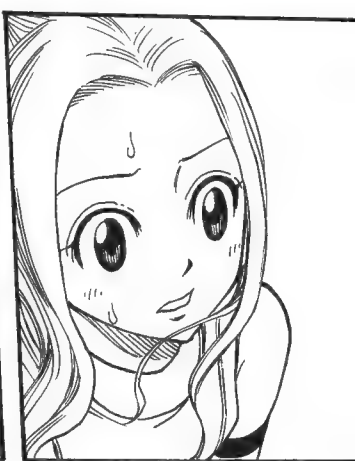
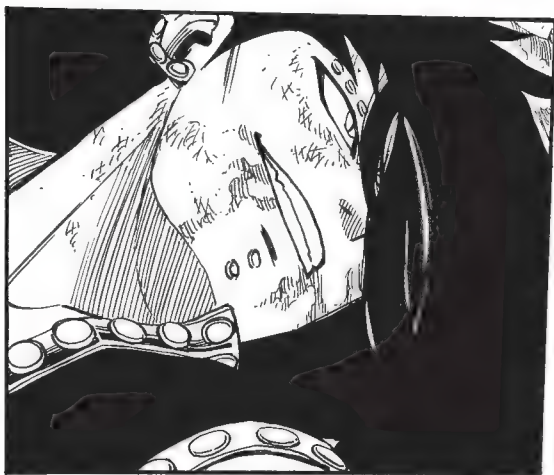
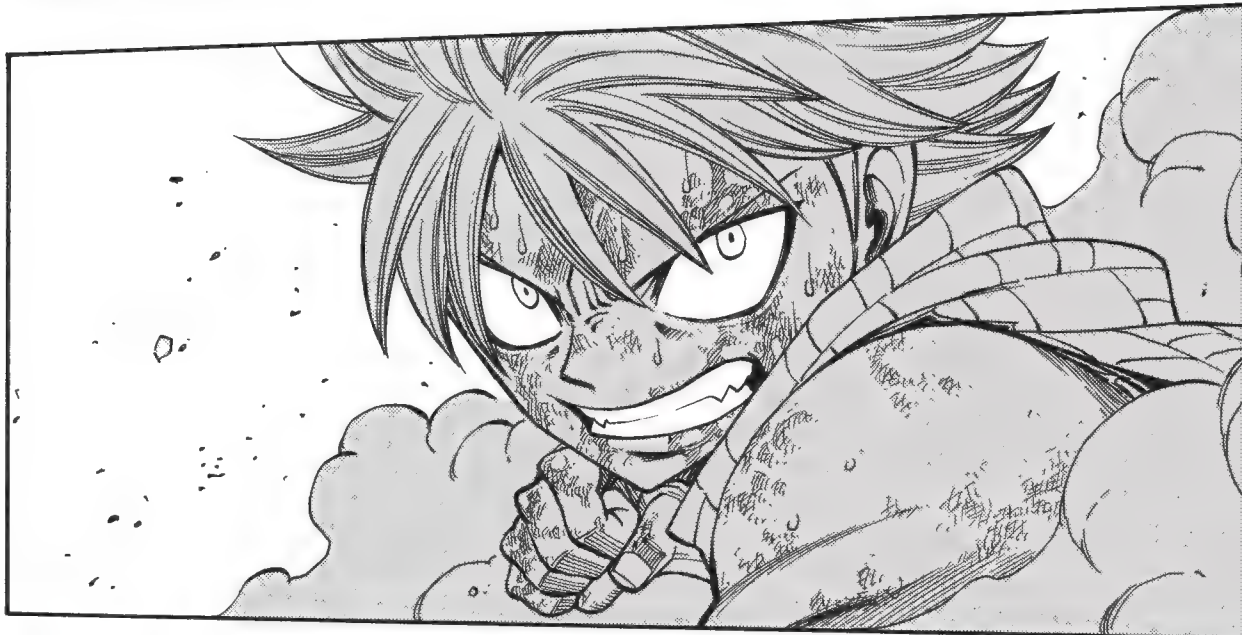
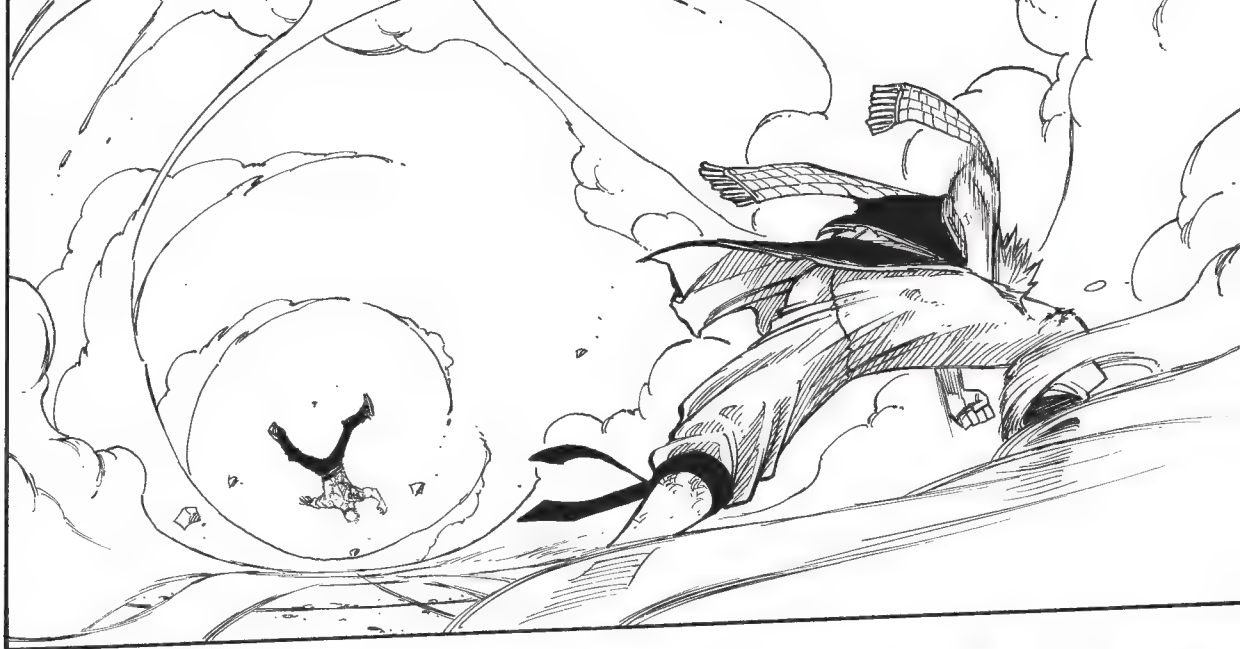
...crush its guts...

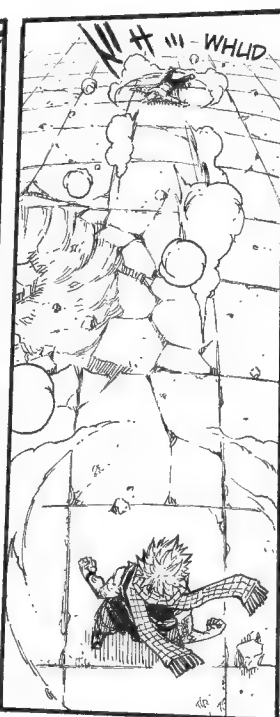
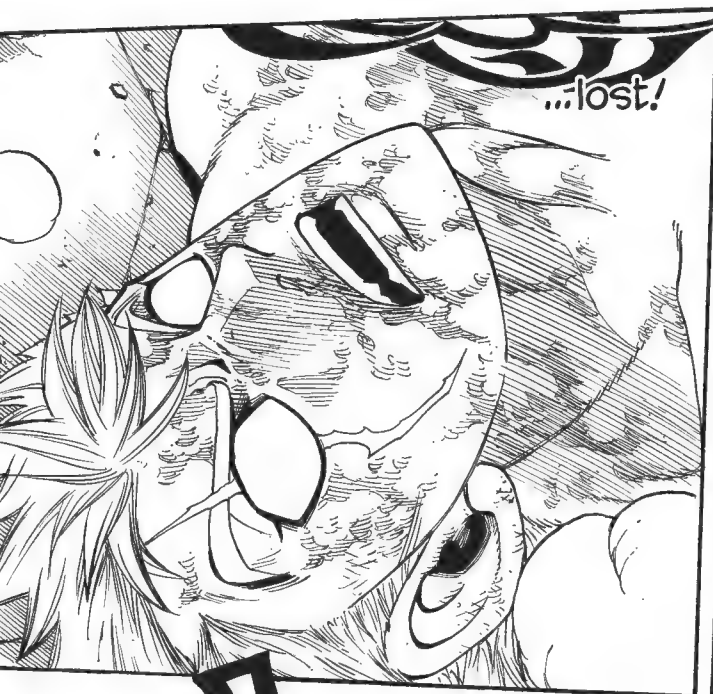
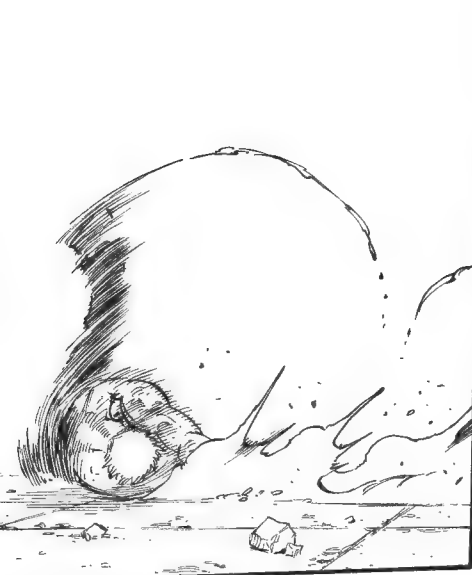


That magic is meant to break a dragon's scales...

**Kuren-
Bakuen-
Jin!!!!***







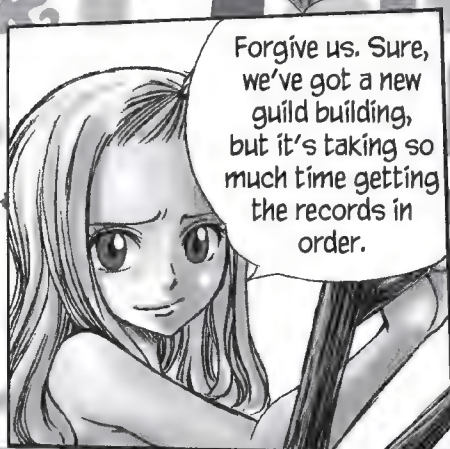


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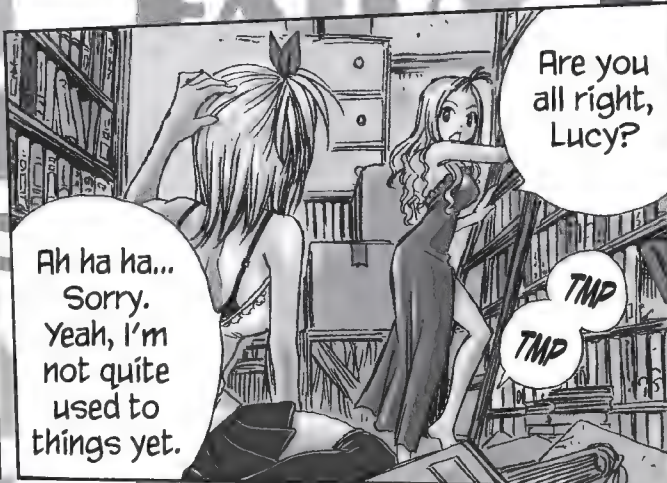
Side Story



OWWW!!



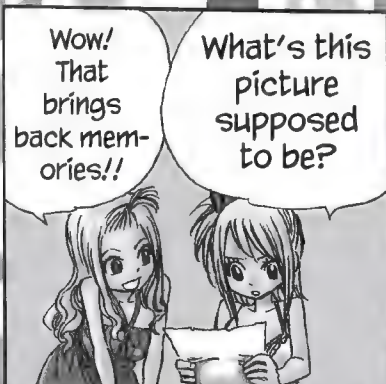
Forgive us. Sure, we've got a new guild building, but it's taking so much time getting the records in order.



Are you all right, Lucy?

Ah ha ha... Sorry. Yeah, I'm not quite used to things yet.

TMP
TMP



Wow! That brings back memories!!

What's this picture supposed to be?



Hm?



Not at all! How about I help?

FAMILY TAIL



Side Story
X778: Natsu and the Dragon's Egg

Reed



FAIRYTAIL

So that
would make
it six years
ago.

This
happened
very soon
after
I joined
Fairy Tail.



*I found
an
egg!!!!*

*An
egg!!!*

I picked it
up in the
East Forest.

An egg?
Where did
you find that
thing?





He's saying that
if you want it
hatched, you will
be required to put
in effort and do it
yourself.

Over a
kid's
head,
huh?

Old man,
are you okay?
I don't get a
word you're
sayin'.



W-We're
really good
friends
today too,
see?

Y-You
were
here?

This comes as
a good chance
to learn the
significance
of birth!

Normally,
you're
incapable of
doing anything
but destroying
things.

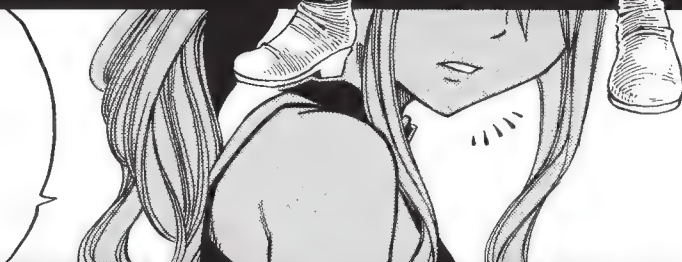


Erza!!!

GA

SHAA

So Erza's
back?





I'm ready to pick up where we left off.

GWIP

Mira...

Go ahead, come at me.

Another fight?!



You're going down, Erza!!!!

You're going to end up crying, Mirajane!!!!

CRASH



Mira.

Come to think of it, you're right. We haven't settled it yet.





Ohh!!

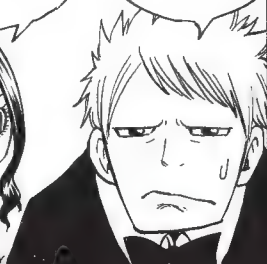
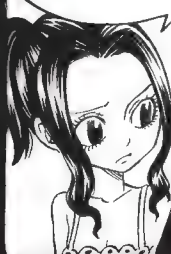


A
bird!!!



What's
wrong,
Elfman?

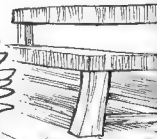
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You're
really
good,
Lisanna!



I think the
way to warm
it is to do it
like this.



That's right!
You three all
use the same
kind of magic.



Even
though
I'm a
man.

Lisanna and
Mira can both use
full-body takeover,
but I can't...

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CHATTER
CHATTER

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I hear that Natsu and Lisanna are warming the dragon's egg together.

But they
say Natsu
was raised
by a dragon,
right?

Several days later...

FAIRY TAIL



KRAK

Nice bein' a
kid, huh?

It looks like they
built themselves a
secret base in the
park, and have been
watching the egg
ever since!

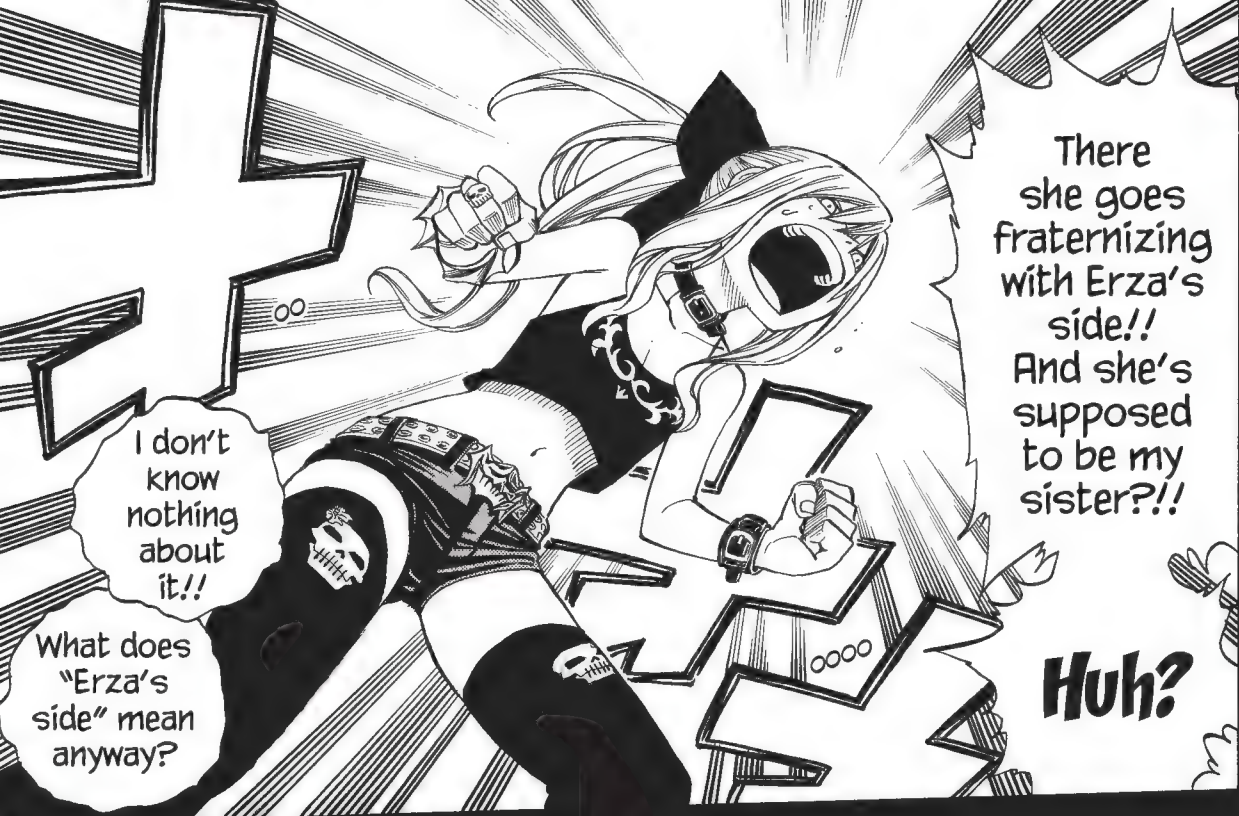
あはははは！
AH HA HA HA!

I thought
I hadn't
seen her
at home in
a while...

So she's sneaking off with Natsu?

What do
you think
you're
doing,
Mirajane?!

Eee!!



There she goes fraternizing with Erza's side!! And she's supposed to be my sister?!!

Huh?

I don't know nothing about it!!

What does "Erza's side" mean anyway?



Say, Natsu, did you just hear something?



S-Sorry...

GRLL GRLL GRLL GRLL GRLL



That's why I do jobs, right?

You pay money for it?

Eat it at the guild.

What do you do about food?

Yeah!

Come to think of it, Natsu, you live alone, right?



You can cook?!

Why don't I make you something next time we have the chance?



You do?

I kinda feel sorry for you.



F-for some reason, I *can* imagine that.

Big Brother Elf can cook too.

Wait a second! Mira can cook too? I can't even imagine it!

I'm not as good as Mira, you know...



You think I'd ever even pretend to eat that egg?

B-But you ain't getting this egg! A dragon's going to hatch from it!! It might even be Igneel's kid!

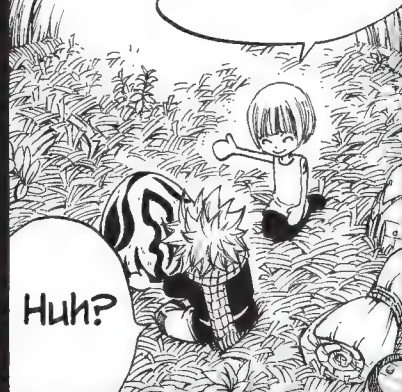


I want it to hatch now!

When we get older, maybe I'll agree to be your wife.

You're usually pretty violent, Natsu, but sometimes you're nice, and sometimes you're cute too... Just like Mira.

Huh?







Wait!
You're
already
asleep!

SNOOORE

くはー

I'm going
to sleep over
here and
keep watch
all night!



Wha?!
How?!

ワロ〜ン
DWOON

The
egg is
gone
!!!!



チ〜ン
CHEEP

チ〜ン
CHEEP



I don't know
anything
about it.

The egg
vanished?



Who
is it?!
Who
stole
it?!!

TAIL



Hey!
Where
did that
accusation
come
from?!

Erza,
cough
it back
up!



Not even
interested.

Laxus,
was it you?!



...Natsu.

I'll bet you
went and ate
it...



Don't know
the first thing
about it!

Mira, do
you know
anything?



Stop it!
All of
you!

Natsu!!
You
creep!!!

Pathetic!



You want to
take me on,
Natsu?! I
won't pull my
punches,
you
know!!!

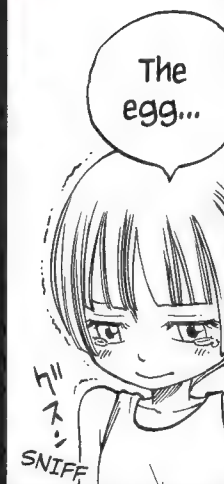
You take
that
back!!!





Natsu...
Lisanna...
I'm sorry.

!



The
egg...

ヒッソリ
SNIFF



I ain't
cryin'!!!

Hey,
Natsu!
You
mustn't
cry!

Save that
for some
other time,
Mira!



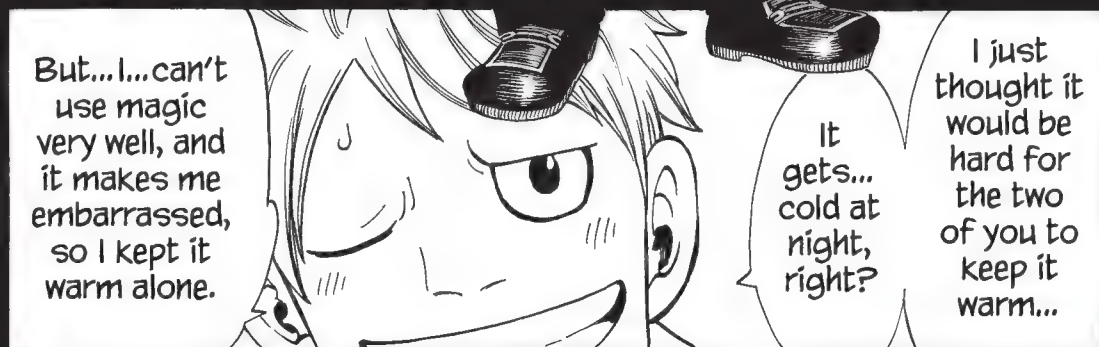
The egg!!

Elfman?!

I didn't
steal it...
really...!

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TMP

どン
TMP



But...I...can't
use magic
very well, and
it makes me
embarrassed,
so I kept it
warm alone.

It
gets...
cold at
night,
right?

I just
thought it
would be
hard for
the two
of you to
keep it
warm...

I would assume we both had suspicions!

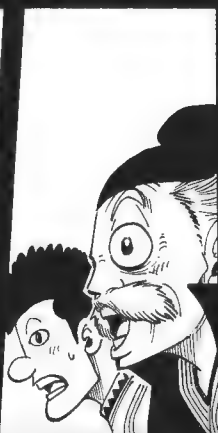
You were seriously suspecting me, weren't you?!



Thanks so much, Elfman!!!



Is that what happened?!



Idiot! Don't go pushin'!!

Hey! Outta my way!!



Ohh!!!

I-It's hatch-ing.!!!

PA-KAAAAAM



No... It's
a cat,
right...?

It's...got
wings...

A blue
cat.

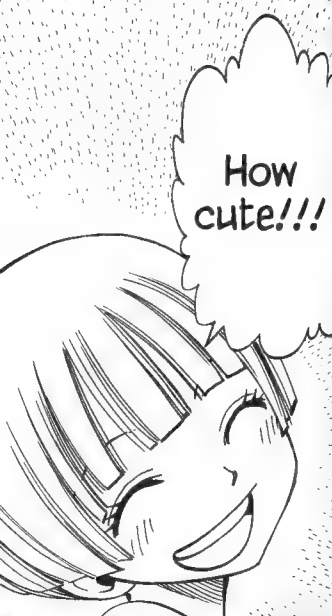
Is it a
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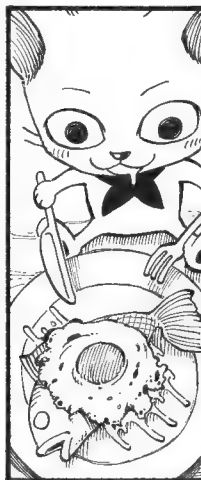
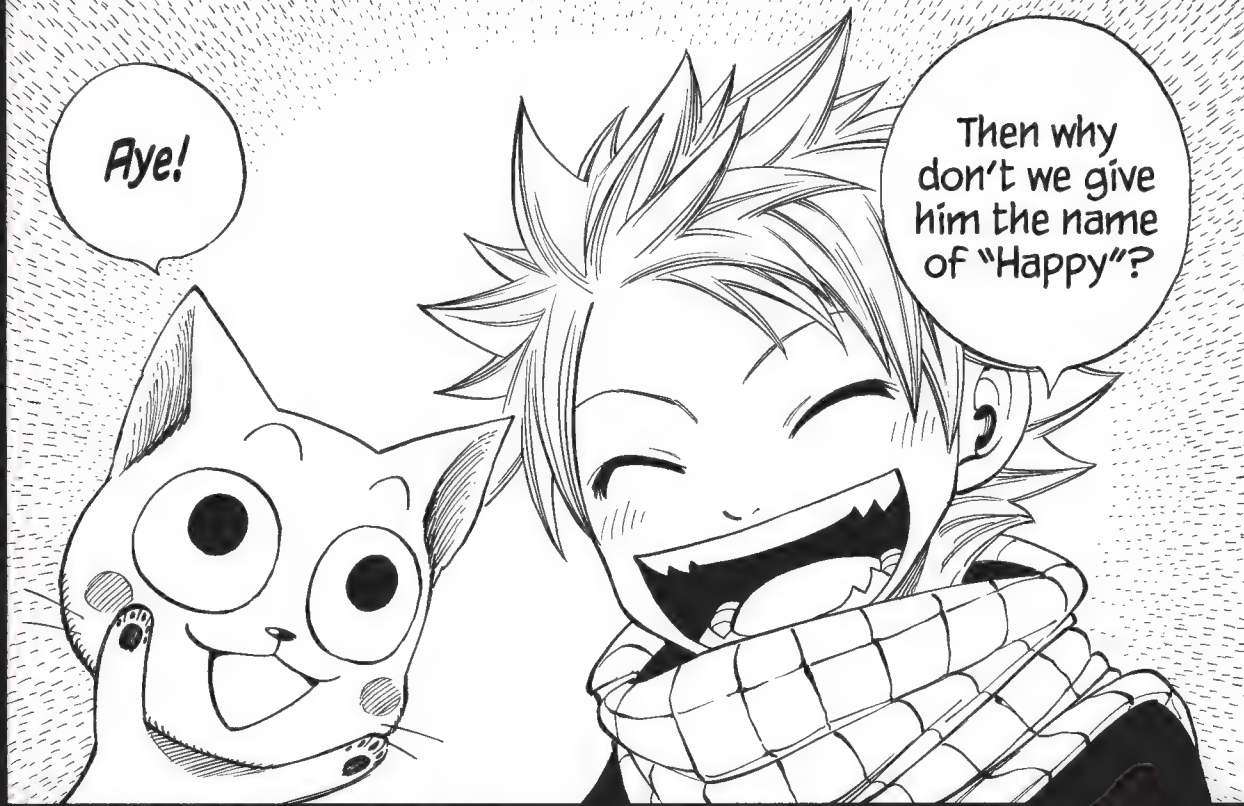
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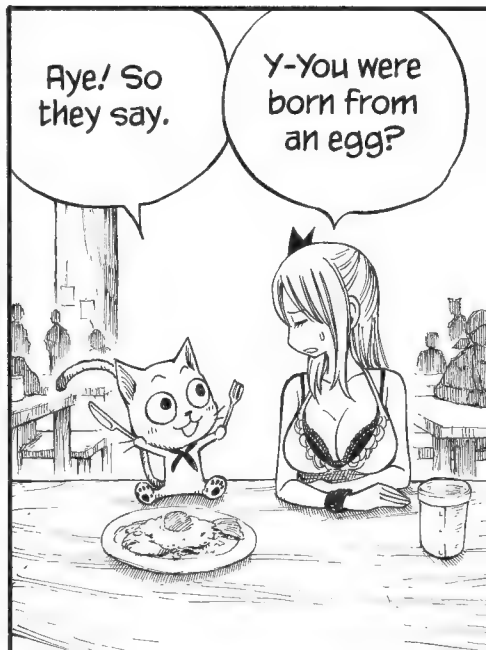
Woow!!!

A cat?!!!





THE END



AFTERWORD

This makes me really think hard about manga. Just kidding!! No, really, I went to signings in Taiwan and America, and I had also heard that they're really passionate about Fairy Tail in France too. And amid all this, I went to a party bringing together manga artists from both Sunday and Magazine, so I can say, I've had a good taste of manga events. I wrote a little about this in Volume 12, but Japan just doesn't seem to have any events that go beyond a particular publisher. If you're talking cars, you have the motor shows. Games have the Tokyo Game Show, and music has all of its festivals... There are loads of things like that. But there's none for manga. Of course, I think the rivalry between publishers is a good thing, but I also think that once a year, gathering all the publishers and having an event aimed at the fans would do some good. Sure, I know it'd cost a lot of money, and there are probably plenty of obstacles to it that I don't know about, but I think the days of being able to sell manga without lifting a finger are long over. It could be because of a change in consumer attitudes, or a change in the atmosphere surrounding manga, or the fact that we manga-ka have changed.... I'm sure there are many reasons, but you know, manga is Japanese culture. Isn't this the very time when the entire publishing industry should be gathering to go out and push it? At least, that's what I've been thinking lately. Huh... Here I go getting all serious, and now my shoulders have suddenly gotten stiff....

In the next Fairy Tail volume, we set a record, printing a chapter 128 that's very different than the magazine version!! It's an extended version where I've added some ten pages to it!! Look for it!!



Moun•tain•li•on•
pooooon!!!
Lucy: This time, we're going to have a great time answering your questions!

Mira: Woof, woof!
Lucy:
Mira: Woof!

Okay. What's that for?
It's a mountainlion voice! Woof, woof!
Mountain **LION**. It's one of the big cats!
Mira: So, on with the questions!

Don't you think Laxus is a little too macho with his shirt off?



Lucy: The person's got a point.
Mira: I hear the manga artist thought a question like that would come along, and he was prepared.

Lucy: It isn't just Laxus. Whenever anybody is in a battle, they suddenly get all muscular.
Mira: Still, Dragon slayer magic is a type of magic that changes your body, so doesn't that explain it?

Isn't it just because he sucks at drawing people who are more delicate?
Mira: Next question!

Those guys... Who were they?



Lucy: Hey, you noticed the little bit of foreshadowing! Good for you!
I hope the artist hasn't forgotten them himself.

Lucy: Maybe they were originally set to appear right in the middle of the Battle of Fairy Tail, right?
Mira: And it was up to Laxus and Natsu to defend the guild together!
Lucy: "You know I...really love Fairy Tail after all!" (Laxus's voice)
Mira: "Right! Then let's fight these bums together!" (Natsu's Voice)

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Then in comes the Master!
"Both of you! Well done!"

Lucy: And everybody is the best of friends!
Mira: And they lived happily ever after!

Hey, that may not be a bad idea.

Mira: Don't worry. "Those guys" will be back. In the next volume.

So why is it that Natsu and Gajeel couldn't get out of the Jutsu-shiki trap?



Lucy: Ohhh! So there's a mystery still left, huh?
Mira: It seems there is an actual reason for this.
Lucy: If I remember right, the rule went something like, "Stone statues and people over 80 years old may not leave." Or something like that, I think.
Mira: There was also a hint in Volume 4 and Volume 13 when it mentioned that Natsu's and Gajeel's ages were unknown.
Ehh?!! But that sort of gives the answer away, doesn't it? Are you sure it's okay to say that?!! That Natsu and Gajeel are both actually over 80 years old?!!

Sorry. Wrong.
Eh?

Mira: Beyond that would be revealing an important plot point, so I can't say any more.
Lucy: Noooo! Now you got me curious!!
Mira: On to the last question.

Hiro-kun is really just a big perv, right??



Lucy: I don't really think we need to answer that question.
Mira: True. He is always doing his very best for his male readers.
Lucy: That isn't what I mean! He isn't thinking of that at all! He's just a big perv!!
Mira: But he's doing his best for his female fans too! This volume, he had both Gray and Laxus strip down, didn't he?
I don't think just having everybody strip is "doing one's best"...

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▲ Yeah, I have the feeling I drew something like this at some point, but I can't quite remember...

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Iwate Prefecture, Yūya Abe

▼ It seems like he actually got into the fight with Laxus, maybe.



Gifu Prefecture, Tomoka Yamashita

▼ Plue appearing on a checker pattern!



Nagano Prefecture, Chaahan

▼ That's an amazingly intelligent looking Natsu-kun.



Fukui Prefecture, Harukichi

▼ She was pretty good huh? Erza had a tough time fighting her

▼ Ohh! Natsu's turned into another Jason!



Osaka, Makoto Kihara

▼ A really cute Juvia-san.



Ehime Prefecture, Ai Urushikawa



Tokyo, Ryo Hasegawa

▼ A refreshing Erza. Thank you! And thanks for the encouragement!



Nagasaki Prefecture, Sayuri Hiraoka

▼ Huh? What is that in the upper right?



Osaka, Satoshi Senga

▼ Laxus the strongest. It took the combined strength of Natsu and Gajeel together to take him down.



Hokkaido, Hiroki Norimatsu

▼ This is pretty cute. I like the combination.



▼ Hi there!! A cute pose for Lucy!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Ryōty

▼ Lyrics by Hiro Mashima. Sorry.



Okayama Prefecture, Ayaka Ikeda

▼ Gray acting cool. But he's nude.



Kanagawa Prefecture, Fumio Koide

▼ The split personality of Mirajane can be kind of scary, huh?



Kanagawa Prefecture, Papiko

▼ Looks like the two of them during downtime at school.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word “Wizard” is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madôshi* as wizard. But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word “wizard” is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

Dance of Purgatory, page 16

The top two *kanji* on Mystogan's pants are the Japanese word for the Catholic religion's concept of purgatory -- a place to purge one's soul of sins before one can proceed to heaven. The bottom two, *kagura*, is a word for traditional music and dances of the Shinto religion.

Matenrô, page 25

In normal use, *matenrô* would mean a high-rise building, but obviously this particular magic has nothing to do with a building. The first *kanji* in the word means “to scrape,” and the second means “the heavens.” And considering what was awaiting Laxus up in the sky, “Sky Scraping” seems like a reasonable translation for the words.

Symbols on Chest, page 71

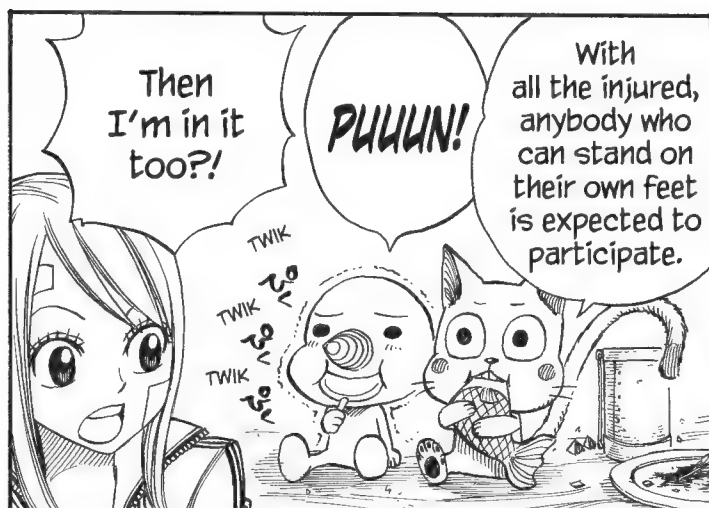
One of the passed-out wizards had a *kanji* and heart symbol either on a t-shirt or a tattoo on his chest. The first one is the *kanji* for *ai*, which means “love.” So, although it would be pronounced the same as the “I heart” T-shirts, it basically means, “Love love.”

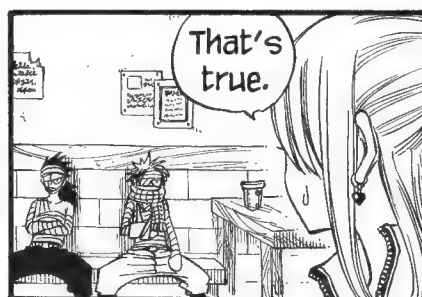
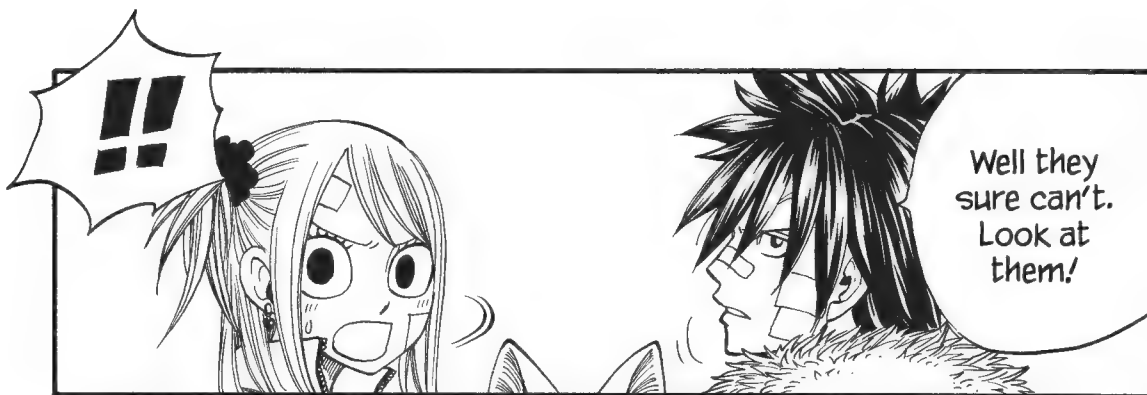
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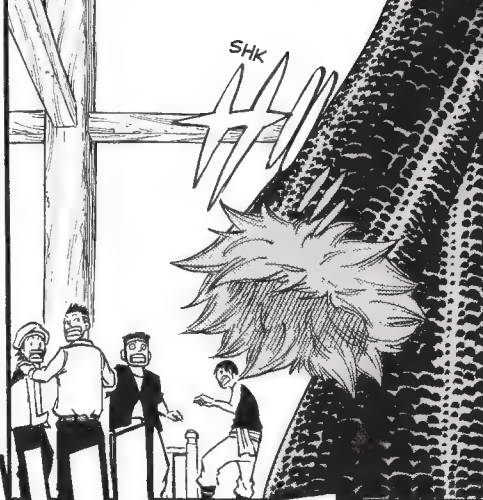
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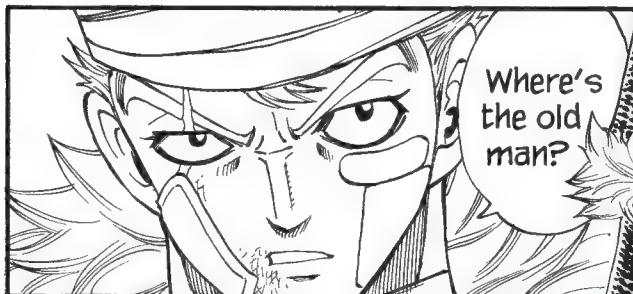


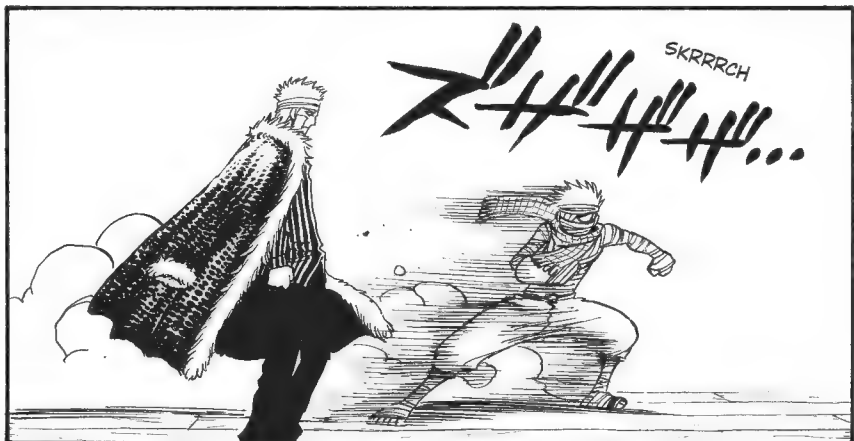
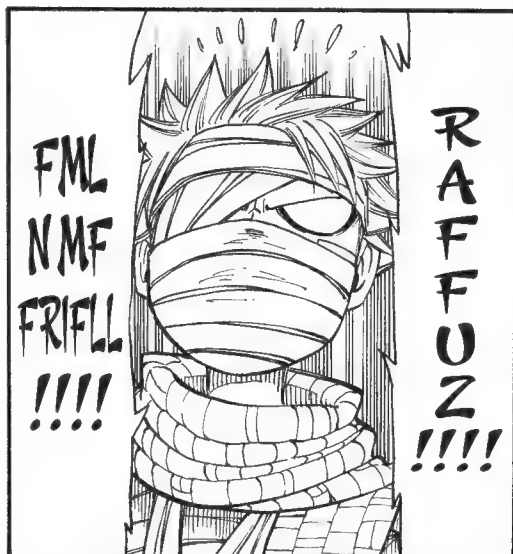




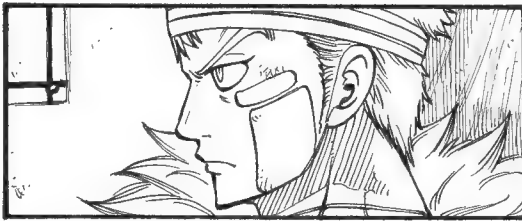
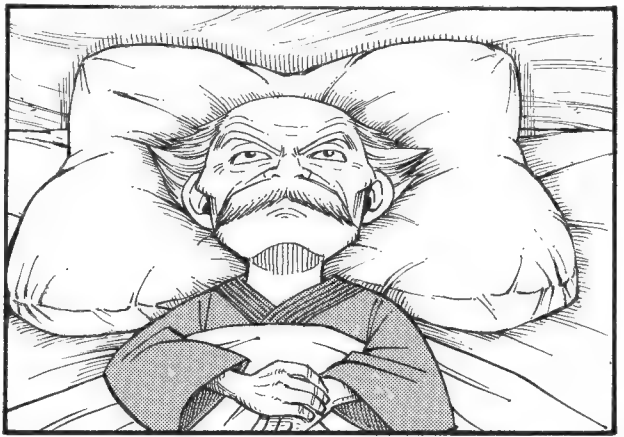
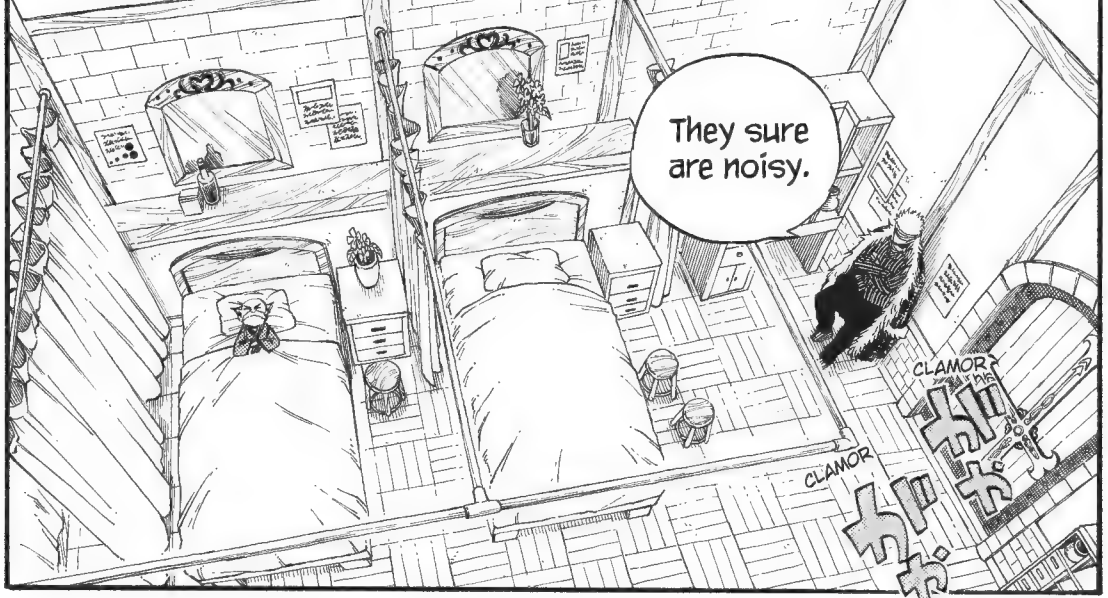


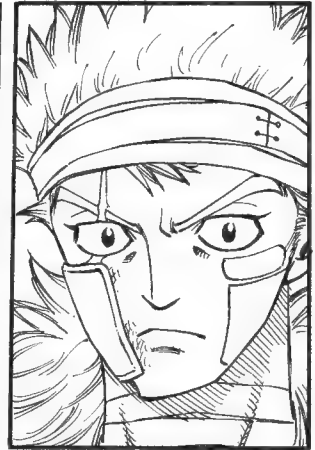
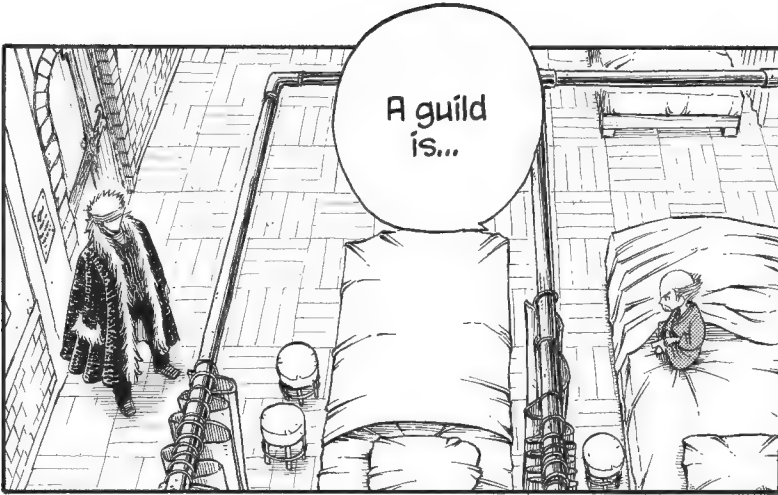
Laxus
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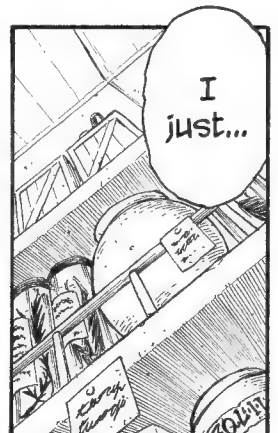
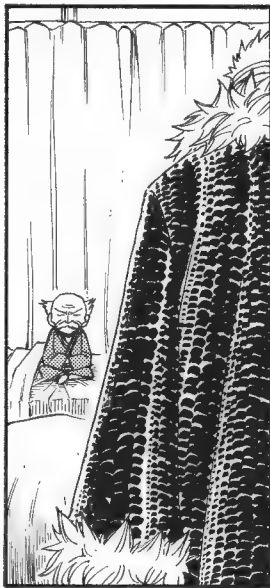
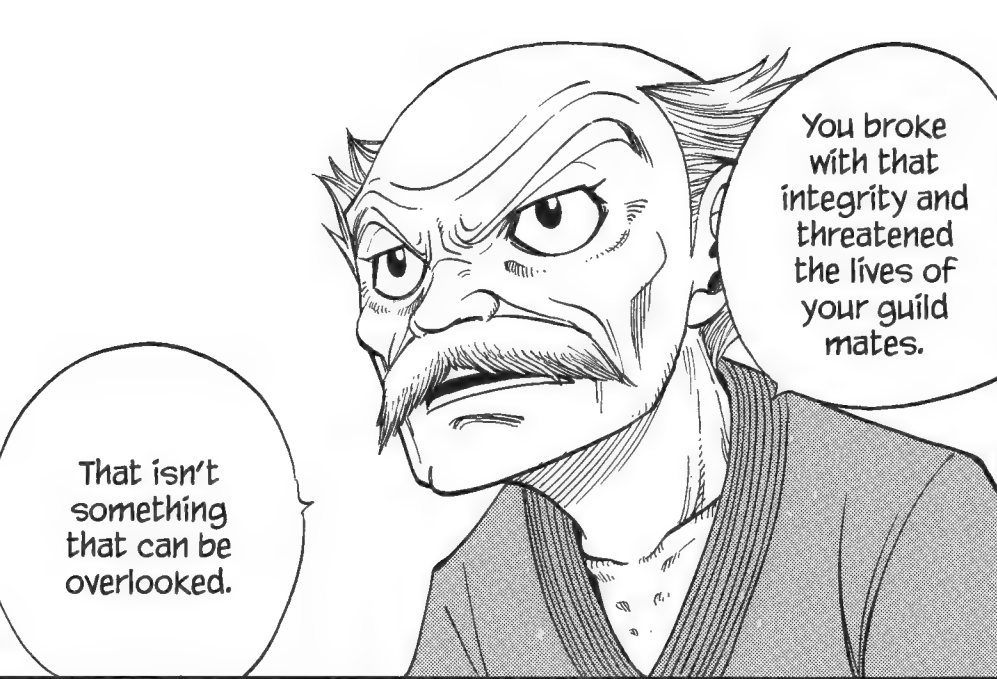














Can't you
lighten up
even a little?

It's amazing
how clumsy
you are dealing
with people...

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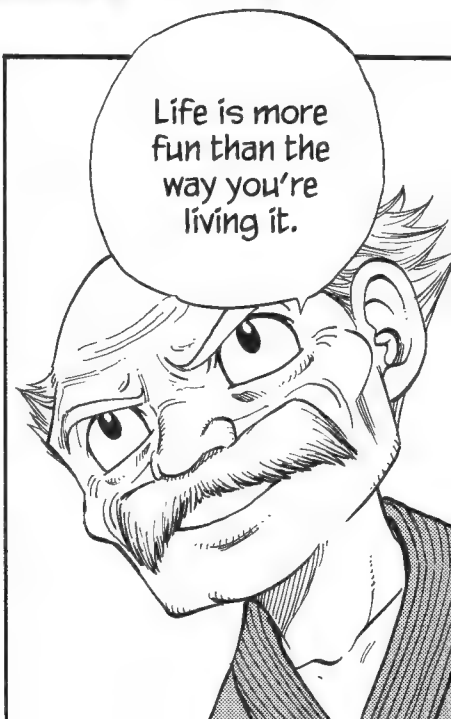
Hear the
words you're
deaf to now.

If you could,
you would see
things that
you can't see
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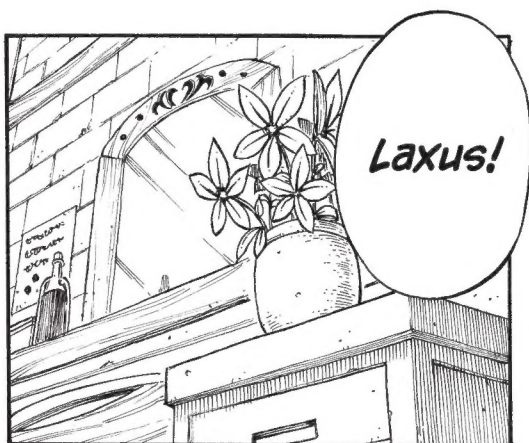
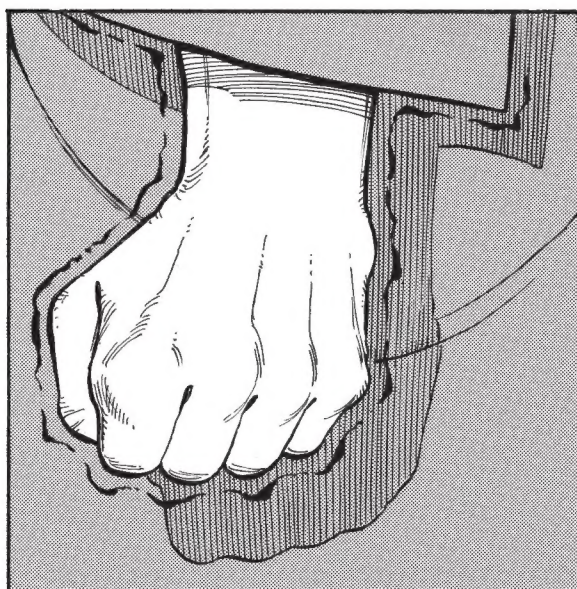
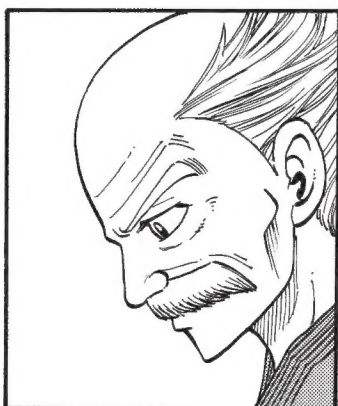
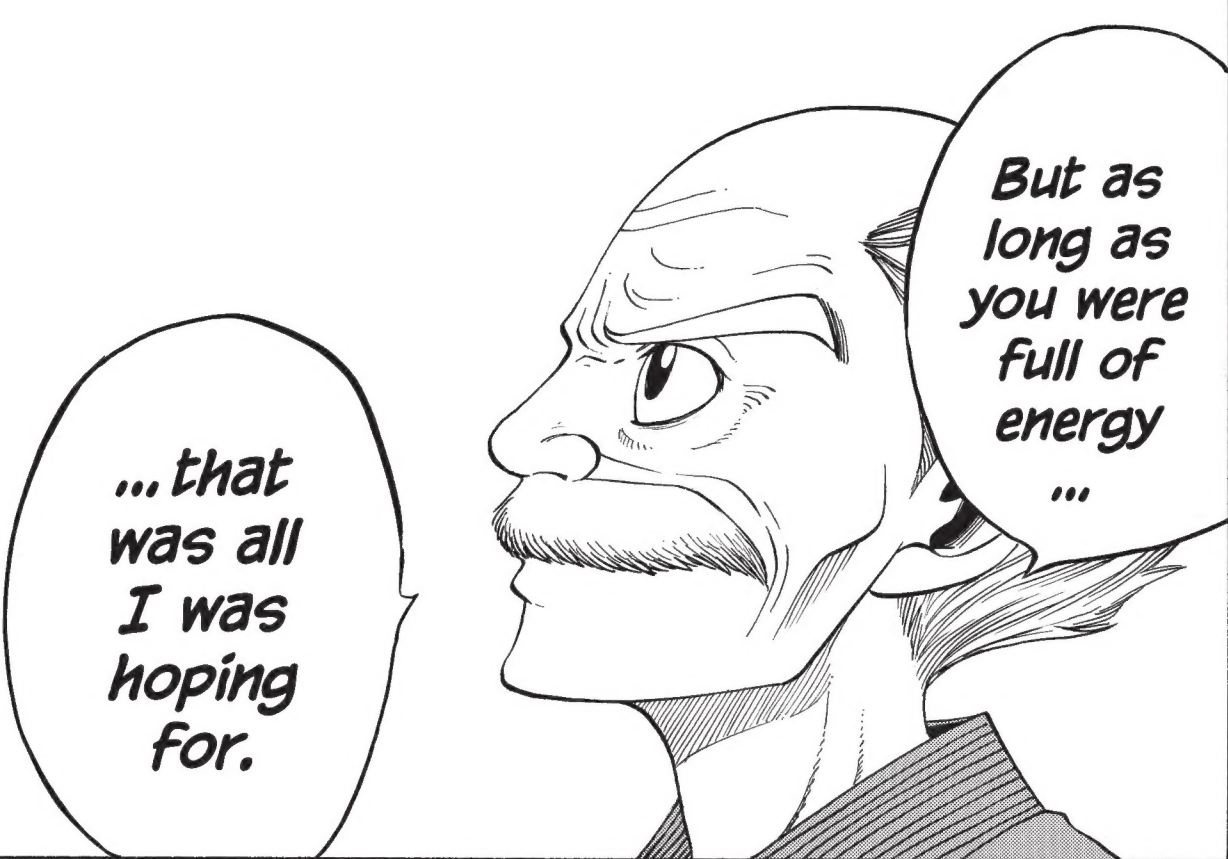


You
didn't need
strength.
Be stupid
for all I
care...

You know I...
lived to watch
the way you
grew up.



Life is more
fun than the
way you're
living it.



**YOU ARE
EXPELLED!**

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